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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING
HELD AT
FAYETTE STREET METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
BALTIMORE, MD.,
OCTOBER 20-27, 1897.

THE Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in Fayette Street Church, Baltimore, Md., Wednesday morning, October 20th, at ten o'clock. The church was tastefully decorated with plants and flowers. The word "Welcome," and the motto, "For the Love of Christ and in His Name," appeared above the pulpit.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, who announced Mrs. Clara L. Roach as in charge of the devotional exercises, but desired that the Convention should first unite in singing "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow," in recognition of his goodness in preserving the life of our beloved Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. R. S. Rust. "Come, thou Almighty King," was sung, and the Apostles' Creed was repeated. Mrs. Roach led in a fervent prayer of thanksgiving for God's providential leading in the work of the Society, for the enlargement of its borders, and for his preserving care of its chief officers and many workers. "Come, thou Fount of every blessing," was sung, and selections from the 100th Psalm and the second chapters of Joel and the Acts of the Apostles were read.

After the general officers of the Society were called to the platform by the President, Mrs. Fisk, the roll of the Conferences was called by the Recording Secretary, Mrs. F. A. Aiken, beginning with the New England Conference, and the delegates made choice of seats.

On nomination of Mrs. Aiken, Mrs. E. L. Albright, Lima, O.; Mrs. B. S. Potter, Bloomington, Ill.; Miss Martha Van Marter, East Orange, N. J., and Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff, Dover, N. J., were confirmed Assistant Secretaries.

Mrs. Fisk presented a telegram from Mrs. H. M. Teller—"Welcome to Baltimore Conference. Read First Thessalonians, second, third, and fourth verses."

In presenting the address of welcome from Baltimore District, the presiding elder, Rev. C. W. Baldwin, said: "The King's business requires haste, and even these amenities should not long delay it." He welcomed the representatives of the Society because of their work of faith and labor of love, and for the sake of Him whom they serve. He welcomed them to the hearts, the homes, the churches, and, in the absence of the mayor, to the whole city, as co-workers in the ministry of the Lord Jesus.

Rev. C. H. Richardson, pastor, in presenting the greeting of Fayette Street Church, said that a Society that had been welcomed to so many cities well understood what an American welcome meant. He said: "We have been thinking about you for a year, and anticipating your enjoyment in coming to a city so like to the Celestial City, and believe that you will be slow to leave it." He believed the use of the word "welcome" appropriate to our coming, since its original meaning conveyed the idea of bringing a blessing. He assured the ladies that the Church stood ready to follow the injunction of the apostles Peter and Paul to hospitality, and if they entertained angels, they should not do it unawares. He was glad to welcome them to this historic spot, and this church sixty years old, but where hearts are still warm and aglow with love.

Mrs. A. M. Hopkins, in her address of welcome to the homes of Baltimore, said there was one realm in which woman reigned supreme; that while man might build the house, woman alone made the home, and it is to this realm we invite you to-day. We welcome you to our firesides, to communion with our inner selves; to a city which in its goodly number of Methodists includes those who are not only lineal descendants but spiritual successors of those great men who, by a holy zeal, removed the reproach attached to the name Methodist, and made that name a synonym for religion in earnest. We welcome you to the historic ground where, in 1784, at the first General Conference, the association of Methodists in this country became the Methodist Episcopal Church, and where we now sacredly guard the ashes of Asbury, Roberts, George, and Emory. Rejoicing in the victories of these leaders who have passed on before, we welcome you as leaders in one great field of Methodist effort, that of Home Missions, and as a Society that has quickened the spiritual life of the Church, and become a source of blessing to unnumbered multitudes.

In responding to these addresses of welcome, Mrs. Charles W. Gallagher said: "In opening your homes to the representatives of this Society, you entertain and bless, not only them, but the seventy-five thousand members of this organization, its missionaries, deaconesses, teachers, the unconverted multitudes for whom they are laboring,—Indians, Chinese, Japanese, Mormons, freedwomen, mountain whites, the children who swarm in our city slums and stagnate in our untaught

frontiers, the forty millions of people who never enter a church, and the pagan hordes that are surging upon our shores. To the work of redeeming these multitudes from sin we come with limited means, but we trust that He who came to seek and to save that which was lost, will supplement our limitations by his unlimited resources as He did when five loaves and two fishes, contributed from the poverty of his following, were made to supply the need of five thousand men, besides women and children. Our work is one of practical helpfulness, teaching the ignorant and uncivilized the simple arts of home-making and home-keeping, inspiring our youth with a desire for wisdom and understanding, and, above all, trying to lead the unsaved to Jesus Christ, the highest source of individual and social purity."

The following resolution was presented by Mrs. Roach, and, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, now in session, express its approval of the action of Rev. Charles W. Gallagher, D. D., in the noble stand he took for godliness and temperance in resigning his position as President of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College, at Kent's Hill, Me., when a prominent brewer was elected trustee of that time-honored institution.

The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Rust, presented a brief but comprehensive report, prepared despite the prohibition of her physician, but with great pleasure to herself. On motion, the report was adopted. (See Report.)

Mrs. Tomkinson presented the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, Our honored Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. R. S. Rust, was prevented by serious illness from being with us at our last Annual Meeting; therefore,

Resolved, That we express our gratitude to Almighty God for her restoration to health and her presence with us to-day, and the continuation of her invaluable services to our beloved Society.

Mrs. Fisk stated that the time for the noontide prayer had come, and, after a moment of silent prayer, Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson led in audible prayer, especially asking that the spirit of harmony might prevail throughout our deliberations.

The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. Delia Lathrop Williams, was prefaced by an acknowledgment of the uniform kindness which she had received. On motion, the report was adopted, with thanksgiving. (See Report.)

A letter was received by Mrs. Rust from Mrs. William McKinley, Washington, D. C., regretting her inability to attend this meeting.

The Convention adjourned to meet at two P. M. The doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by the Rev. Lewis Albert Banks, D. D., of Cleveland, O.

Wednesday Afternoon.

TO open the session, at two o'clock, "How firm a foundation" was sung. The devotional exercises were in charge of Mrs. T. J. Everett, who read a portion of the seventh chapter of St. Luke. Mrs. A. H. Webb offered prayer, and "We may not climb the heavenly steeps" was sung.

The President, Mrs. Fisk, occupied the chair.

The Minutes of the morning session were read by Mrs. Albright, and adopted.

The Secretary, Mrs. Aiken, presented the following recommendations from the General Executive Board:

First. That the request of Mrs. J. L. Whetstone, the efficient Secretary of the Bureau for East Southern States, for the division of this Bureau, be granted. The growth of the work of this Bureau has so increased its responsibilities as to commend its division into the Bureaus for Georgia and Florida: The Bureau for Georgia to supervise the work of the Society, embracing Thayer Home, Atlanta, Ga.; Haven Home and School, Savannah, Ga.; and Mary Haven School, Isle of Hope, Savannah, Ga. The Bureau for Florida to supervise the work of the Society embracing Boylan Home, Jacksonville, Fla., and Emerson Memorial Home, Ocala, Fla.

Second. That Mrs. E. L. Albright be constituted Committee on Church Press, and empowered to choose her assistants.

Third. That Miss Mary Belle Evans and Mrs. M. T. Carey be a Special Committee to solicit subscriptions during the Convention for *Woman's Home Missions* and *Children's Home Missions*.

On motion of Mrs. Rust, the first recommendation was referred to the Committee on By-laws. The second and third recommendations were adopted.

The Standing Committees were constituted as follows:

Courtesies.—Mrs. C. H. Richardson, Mrs. T. P. Frost, and Mrs. C. W. Baldwin.

Credentials.—Mrs. D. L. Williams, Mrs. W. B. Pope, and Mrs. S. W. Floyd.

Enrollment.—Mrs. D. A. Minard, Mrs. A. W. Black, and Mrs. John Taylor.

By-laws.—Mrs. T. J. Everett, Mrs. E. B. Green, Mrs. George O. Robinson, Mrs. A. D. Knapp, and Mrs. M. R. Lincoln.

Resolutions.—Miss Martha Van Marter, Mrs. George H. Thompson, Mrs. J. W. Campbell, Miss Mary L. Gilbert, and Mrs. J. A. Lantry.

Place of Meeting.—Mrs. M. J. Schoyer, Mrs. T. L. Tomkinson, Mrs. L. G. Murphy, and Mrs. C. E. Brinkworth.

Finance and Mission Fields, as provided in By-law 4, under head of *Annual Meeting*, page 264, Fifteenth Annual Report.

Mrs. Everett moved the adoption of the printed program as the order of business for the Convention. Carried.

The report of *Woman's Home Missions* was submitted by the editor, Mrs. H. C. McCabe, and adopted (see Report), with the exception of the recommendation to reduce the Deaconess Department to one page. This was discussed, and Mrs. Robinson felt it to be unwise; rather than decrease, she would enlarge the space for deaconess work. It would be impossible to crowd all the work of this Bureau into one page. Unless we can properly represent this work in our paper, we lose our greatest opportunity to win friends. She pleaded for at least three pages. This department represents two-fifths of the entire work of the Society. Mrs. Robinson urged an increase in the price of the paper—single subscriptions, fifty cents; in clubs of ten, twenty-five cents.

Mrs. Everett moved that the recommendation of the editor be referred to the Committee on *Woman's Home Missions*, and that the Committee be enlarged from seven to nine. Carried.

Mesdames Everett, Tomkinson, and Bunyan were added to this Committee.

The editor of *Children's Home Missions*, Miss Van Marter, reported briefly, referring to the importance of training the children for future service, and urging upon all lovers of our work individual effort on behalf of the child's paper. On motion, the report was adopted. (See Report.)

Miss Mary Belle Evans, publisher of *Woman's Home Missions* and *Children's Home Missions*, submitted a report.

The recommendation of the publisher, that each Auxiliary be requested to give one dollar for ten copies of the *Children's Home Missions*, to be distributed in the church, was on motion of Mrs. W. A. Goodman, Jr., adopted. On motion, the report was adopted. (See Report.)

The President called Mrs. Goodman forward to explain a telegram that had been received from Miss Delia Herron, our missionary at Speedwell, Ga. Mrs. Goodman said Miss Herron needed a horse to aid her in visiting among the three hundred colored people where she is the only white person. The Cincinnati friends provided the horse, buggy, and harness, which were shipped at half-price on the 14th inst. The money donated by other friends, in answer to the appeals for a missionary horse in *Woman's Home Missions*, was partly used for freight. The telegram received to-day said, "Horse and buggy arrived safely after five days."

Mrs. McCabe stated that Mr. Evans, who prints our paper, does a certain amount of miscellaneous printing for nothing, and among other things he had printed the seventy-five postal cards sent to the Conferences regarding this missionary horse. She moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Evans. The motion prevailed, and Mrs. McCabe was requested to bear the thanks of the Society to Mr. Evans.

The report of the Committee on *Woman's Home Missions* was called for, but further time was requested, and, on motion, granted.

The report of the Committee on Transportation was submitted by the Chairman, Mrs. W. M. Ampt, and, on motion, adopted. (See Report.)

Mrs. James Dale, Mrs. M. T. Carey, Mrs. I. W. Livezey, and Mrs.

E. W. Seeds, were appointed to assist Mrs. Ampt in the work of transportation during the Convention.

Mrs. Green moved that each one holding a railroad certificate be requested to pay to a member of the Transportation Committee ten cents to defray the expense of the special agent who comes to *visit* the certificates, thus saving this expense to the general treasury. Carried.

On motion of Mrs. Dale, Mrs. M. T. Carey was named to receive this money.

Mrs. Fisk said Mrs. Aiken, at Columbus, made her best speech when she urged that the National colors be placed over every Home under the care of the Society, and it was heartily indorsed. She asked all those having charge of Homes where this idea had been carried out to stand. Eight Bureau Secretaries arose, and it appeared that the President had wrought with her own fingers to earn the money that had purchased flags for the Homes at Unalaska, Alaska, Asheville, N. C., Morristown, Tenn., Holly Springs and Clarkson, Miss., and the Osage Indians.

The President stated that she had no thought that her question would call out so prominently what she had done, but she had enjoyed untold pleasure in working with her fingers to earn the money that had purchased these flags.

A large American flag had been sent by Mrs. M. T. Carey to the Mother's Jewels Home, and another by Mrs. M. R. Crawford to the National Training-school at Washington, D. C.

The fact was developed that the first flag sent out by the Society was a large and beautiful one, displayed at the Banner Festival held in Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, Cincinnati, O., under the direction of Mrs. Aiken, during the sessions of the Second Annual Meeting of the Society, on which occasion the sale of its Stars and Stripes netted six hundred dollars to the treasury. After an eloquent plea by Mrs. Angie F. Newman, this flag was awarded to the Home in Salt Lake City, Utah, and at a later time proved the inspiration for the second flag sent to the same place by the young ladies of Cleveland, O. (See Fifth Annual Report, page 36.)

After singing two stanzas of "My country, 't is of thee," on motion, the meeting adjourned until 7.30 P. M.

Wednesday Evening.

THE President, Mrs. Fisk, occupied the chair, and the devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. T. H. Pearne, at the close of which she delighted the audience with her sweet rendering of "Christ is All."

The Minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Potter, corrected, and adopted.

Immigrant Work being the theme of the evening, Mrs. A. C. Clark, Superintendent of the Immigrant Home at East Boston, spoke briefly

upon the importance of her line of work, and gave several striking incidents from her full and varied experience.

The choir of the entertaining Church followed Mrs. Clark's address with some very acceptable music.

In the absence of Mrs. J. D. Slayback, Secretary of the Bureau for Immigrants, the report was read by Mrs. Mary Fisk Park, and was followed by a graphic talk from Miss Alma Matthews, long the efficient missionary at Ellis Island, N. Y.

An interesting report of Immigrant work done in Philadelphia was read by Mrs. William Brown, followed by an earnest talk by Mrs. E. Turney, Superintendent of the Philadelphia Deaconess Home. Miss Liming, deaconess from the same Home, also spoke most acceptably upon the work of ministry to the poor and homeless.

On motion, the report of the Bureau for Immigrant Work was accepted (see Report), after which a beautiful selection was rendered by the choir.

The meeting adjourned until Thursday, 10.30 A. M., and the benediction was pronounced by the pastor of the Church.

Thursday Morning.

AT nine o'clock the devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. M. H. Nason, who read a portion of the 65th chapter of Isaiah. "There's a wideness in God's mercy" was sung, and a chain of prayer was linked to the throne of grace by petitions from several ladies.

The Committee of the Whole on Finance and Mission Fields, Mrs. D. L. Williams Chairman, considered appropriations until 10.30, and arose, when the President, Mrs. Fisk, occupied the chair, and "Nearer, my God, to Thee," was sung.

The Minutes of the evening session were read by Miss Van Marter, and adopted.

The report of the Bureau for East Southern States, Mrs. J. L. Whetstone Secretary, was presented by the Recording Secretary, and adopted. (See Report.)

On motion of Mrs. Aiken, a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Arthur W. Emerson and Mr. David W. Plumer for the gift of the large United States flag for Boylan Home, Jacksonville, Fla.

Mrs. H. C. Hedges, Secretary of the Bureau for Mississippi, submitted a report, which was adopted after referring its recommendations for appropriation to the Committee of the Whole on Finance and Mission Fields. (See Report.)

The report of the Bureau for Orientals, Mrs. L. P. Williams Secretary, was read by the Recording Secretary. After referring its recommendations for appropriations to the Committee of the Whole on Finance and Mission Fields, and pending its adoption, earnest pleas for increased

appropriations were made by Mrs. Roach, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Jones, and Mrs. Herron.

The Watts de Peyster Home and School, in the absence of its Chairman, Mrs. James M. King, was represented by Mrs. Mary Fisk Park, and, on motion, the report was adopted. (See Report.)

Mrs. Fisk read an extract from a letter written her by General Watts de Peyster, as follows: "To me the children are a source of pleasure, and towards me they testify their gratitude and confidence, when we meet, in the most touching manner. They are well-behaved, well-drilled, and always seem happy."

Mrs. T. L. Tomkinson, in charge of the noontide prayer service, presented the need of the whole world crystallized in four words,—“We would see Jesus.”

The doxology was sung, and adjournment until two P. M. followed.

Thursday Afternoon.

THE session opened with the President, Mrs. Fisk, in the chair. The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. I. D. Jones.

The Minutes of the morning session were read by Mrs. Aiken, and adopted.

Mrs. A. H. Eaton, President of the Baltimore District Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, brought greetings, saying, “We are one in membership, love, and sympathy.”

Mrs. Fisk read a letter, with pleasure, from Mrs. Bishop McCabe, expressing her interest in the work, and inclosing in testimony thereof a check for \$5 for the Emergency Fund.

The report of the Bureau for New Mexico and Arizona (*Spanish*), was presented by Mrs. Anna Kent, Secretary, and, on motion, adopted. (See Report.)

The Rev. Dr. Richardson presented to the President the following ministers: the Revs. C. W. Baldwin, G. W. Miller, W. M. Osborne, E. L. Watson, Samuel A. Wilson, Charles T. Weede, G. W. Cooper, W. W. Barnes, E. L. Hubbard, James P. Wright, of Baltimore, and J. L. Walsh, of Washington, D. C. In introducing them to the Convention, Mrs. Fisk requested them to remain on the platform, while all joined in singing, with much feeling and enthusiasm, “Christ is All.” The President thanked the ministers for their attendance, and asked their support in our work.

The report of the Committee on Credentials was presented by Mrs. Williams, Chairman, and, on motion, adopted. (See Report.)

The report of the Bureau for East Central States was submitted by Mrs. E. L. Albright, Secretary, who announced that she would be brief because she desired Mrs. Fisk to speak in regard to the dedication of the Allen Home, Asheville, N. C.

Mrs. Fisk followed in descriptive words showing the Home one of the best in the city of Asheville, and located on an attractive site.

On motion of Mrs. Park, Mrs. Albright made an appeal for pledges to cancel the indebtedness of \$1,800 remaining on Allen Home.

Pledges were made as follows: From Central Ohio Conference, \$680; Indiana, \$250; Genesee, \$100, as a memorial to Mrs. Elizabeth Reed Chambers, and \$100 conditional upon being raised; North Ohio, \$100, in memory of the late Rev. Newell S. Albright, D. D.; Cincinnati, \$50; New England, \$50; Wyoming, \$100; Newark, \$25; New York, \$25; North Indiana, \$50; Philadelphia, \$10; Wilmington, \$25; Troy, \$50; East Ohio, \$50; New England Southern, \$25; Central Pennsylvania, \$50; Detroit, \$20; Erie, \$10; Yakima Indian women, \$10; Broad Street Auxiliary, Columbus, O., \$10.

Mrs. Rust announced that all in attendance are privileged, now or at any time when subscriptions are being taken, to contribute, whether members or not.

The Rev. L. A. Banks, D. D., of Cleveland, O., acted upon this suggestion, and pledged the last \$25 in honor of his wife. Pledges were continued, as follows: Asbury Church, Cincinnati, \$10; St. Paul, Cincinnati, \$10; Jefferson Avenue, Washington, Pa., \$10; Northern New York Conference, \$10; Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, \$10; Mrs. Griffin, Troy, N. Y., \$10.

Mrs. Williams announced that Mrs. Albright had received no money from the treasury for her traveling and postage expenses during the year, and, in view of this, moved that \$100 be given Allen Home from the General Fund. This was unanimously adopted, and the doxology was heartily sung.

On motion, the report was adopted. (See Report.)

The report of the Mother's Jewels Home was given by Mrs. J. P. Negus, Chairman, who also read extracts from a letter from her co-worker, Mrs. J. L. Woodcock. On motion, the report was adopted. (See Report.)

Mrs. Albright was appointed to consult with the representatives of the press, and arrange that the daily papers be placed on sale at the post-office.

The report of the Bureau for Texas was presented by the Secretary, Mrs. L. G. Murphy, and, on motion, adopted, after referring its recommendation for the purchasing of a small piece of property near King Home to the consideration of the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields. (See Report.)

Mrs. H. I. Kinsey, of the California Conference, was introduced, and gave to the Convention its greetings.

In fitting words, Mrs. Fisk presented to Mrs. Rust a cluster of twenty-two American beauties, in recognition of the twenty-second anniversary of her marriage to Dr. Rust. The Convention arose and greeted our beloved Corresponding Secretary with the Chautauqua salute. Mrs. Rust

responded with much feeling, and referred to the expressions of love which had reached her during her recent illness. She said she would carry the flowers to her husband, whom she was then going to meet on his arrival in Baltimore.

The Convention joined in singing "Blest be the tie that binds."

The report of the Enrollment Committee was presented by Mrs. Minard, Chairman, and, on motion, adopted. This report exhibits the fact that the representation includes four General Officers, four Vice-Presidents, three Honorary Vice-Presidents, ten Managers, two Members of Advisory Board, fourteen Bureau Secretaries, two General Organizers, thirty-two Conference Corresponding Secretaries, thirty-six delegates, one hundred and seventeen missionaries, deaconesses, and visitors outside of the city of Baltimore.

ENROLLMENT LIST.

General Officers.—President, Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. R. S. Rust; Recording Secretary, Mrs. F. A. Aiken; Treasurer, Mrs. D. L. Williams.

Vice-Presidents.—Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson, Mrs. H. C. McCabe, Mrs. Bishop Walden, and Mrs. W. C. Herron.

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Advisory Board.—Mrs. G. W. Mansfield and Mrs. J. P. Negus.

Bureau Secretaries.—Mrs. E. L. Albright, Mrs. Mary Fisk Park, Mrs. Henry C. Hedges, Mrs. F. A. Arter, Mrs. L. G. Murphy, Mrs. B. S. Potter, Mrs. Anna Kent, Mrs. E. W. Simpson, Mrs. H. C. McCabe, Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson, Mrs. D. A. Minard, Mrs. James Dale, Mrs. E. B. Green, and Mrs. J. L. Trisler.

Editor Woman's Home Missions.—Mrs. H. C. McCabe.

Editor Children's Home Missions.—Miss Martha Van Marter.

Publisher.—Miss Mary Belle Evans.

Treasurer's Secretary.—Mrs. P. R. Graham.

Stenographer.—Miss Elizabeth Wommer.

The names of Corresponding Secretaries of Conferences are noted by an asterisk.

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Baltimore.—Mrs. Clara L. Roach,* Mrs. A. M. Hopkins. Visitors: Mrs. John Neff, Mrs. D. B. Street, Mrs. William Burris, Mrs. W. G. McDowell, Mrs. J. S. Tasker, Judge W. G. McDowell, and Mrs. George Timms.

California.—Mrs. H. I. Kinsey.

Central Illinois.—Mrs. Elizabeth Hull.

Central New York.—Mrs. W. A. Brownell,* Mrs. D. E. Robinson. Visitors: Mrs. W. H. York, Mrs. Daniel Smith.

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- Central Ohio*.—Mrs. Daniel Stecker. Visitors: Mrs. D. M. Bailey, Mrs. W. S. Lenhart.
- Cincinnati*.—Mrs. H. G. Marshall,* Mrs. D. C. Vance, Mrs. Bishop Walden, Mrs. W. C. Herron, Mrs. R. S. Rust, Mrs. F. A. Aiken, Mrs. James Dale, Mrs. J. W. Gosling, Mrs. G. H. Thompson, Mrs. I. D. Jones, Mrs. W. A. Goodman, Jr., Mrs. M. T. Carey, Mrs. W. M. Ampt, Mrs. J. L. Trisler, Miss Elizabeth Wommer. Visitors: Mrs. T. H. Pearne, Mrs. W. H. S. Ewell, Mrs. I. W. Livezey, Mrs. R. Clement, Mrs. G. Polluck.
- Central Pennsylvania*.—Mrs. T. L. Tomkinson,* Mrs. A. W. Black. Visitors: Mrs. M. R. Crawford, Mrs. Ellen F. Tomkinson, Mrs. W. P. Denehey, Mrs. J. A. McKee, Mrs. Mary L. Haverstick, Mrs. George W. Kinter, Mrs. M. L. Ganoe, Mrs. J. E. Bell, Mrs. Neitz, Miss M. M. Webber.
- Detroit*.—Mrs. W. B. Pope,* Mrs. J. A. Banks, Mrs. George O. Robinson.
- East Ohio*.—Mrs. M. C. Hickman,* Mrs. M. H. Nason. Visitors: Mrs. C. H. Weed, Mrs. G. H. Foster, Mrs. Edward Lewis, Mrs. Thomas Dennison, Mrs. L. S. Whiteman, Mrs. E. H. Yingling, Rev. L. A. Banks, D. D.
- Erie*.—Miss Annie Cummings,* Mrs. J. N. Bolard. Visitor: Miss Mary Siggins.
- Genesee*.—Mrs. E. B. Green,* Mrs. C. E. Brinkworth. Visitors: Mrs. D. A. Minard, Mrs. Florence Shields, Mr. D. L. Shields, Mrs. M. Isabelle Smith, Miss Ellen Goodenough, deaconess.
- Illinois*.—Miss Sue E. Heath, Mrs. B. S. Potter.
- Indiana*.—Mrs. A. V. P. Adams,* Mrs. E. W. McIntosh.
- Iowa*.—Mrs. L. G. Murphy.*
- Louisiana*.—Mrs. D. M. Walker.*
- Maine*.—Mrs. C. W. Gallagher, Miss Isabelle S. Allen.
- Michigan*.—Mrs. Levi Master,* Mrs. J. W. Hallenbeck. Visitor: Mrs. Laura Finch Barnard.
- Minnesota and Minnesota Northern*.—Mrs. John Taylor.*
- Newark*.—Mrs. C. E. Hill,* Mrs. C. T. Hutchinson. Visitors: Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff, Mrs. E. Jones, Mrs. W. F. Day, and Mrs. J. I. Boswell.
- Nebraska*.—Mrs. Angie F. Newman.
- New England*.—Mrs. S. W. Floyd,* Mrs. L. A. Sanborn, Professor Harriet Cook, Mrs. G. W. Mansfield. Visitors: Mrs. F. W. Ainsworth, Mrs. L. T. Jefts, Mrs. F. M. Stodder, Mrs. L. M. Howes, Mrs. J. A. Harrington, Mrs. A. C. Clark.
- New England Southern*.—Mrs. J. A. Southard,* Mrs. T. J. Everett. Visitors: Mrs. S. H. Bailey, Miss E. L. Manchester.

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New Hampshire.—Mrs. A. T. Wells,* Mrs. Daniel Oustott. Visitor: Miss Carrie Taylor.

New Jersey.—Mrs. G. M. P. Wells,* Mrs. S. J. Turner. Visitors: Mrs. John Northop, Mrs. J. L. Heritage, Mrs. C. T. Wesley.

New York.—Mrs. J. W. Campbell,* Mrs. Mary Fisk Park. Visitors: Mrs. F. C. Morgan, Mrs. J. B. Huff, Mrs. J. E. Price, Mrs. O'Neill, Miss Alma Matthews, missionary.

New York East.—Mrs. C. H. Carhart,* Mrs. John A. Secor. Visitors: Mrs. A. R. Clare, Mrs. J. A. Lantry.

North Indiana.—Mrs. L. H. Bunyan,* Mrs. W. H. Daniel.

North Ohio.—Mrs. A. D. Knapp,* Mrs. A. R. Timmins.

Northern New York.—Mrs. I. L. Hunt,* Miss Mary L. Gilbert.

Northwest Iowa.—Mrs. J. P. Negus.*

Ohio.—Mrs. F. A. Sells,* Mrs. D. S. Kellicott. Visitor: Mrs. E. W. Seeds.

Oregon.—Mrs. Bishop Cranston.

Philadelphia.—Mrs. Theo. Stevens,* Mrs. G. E. Palen, Mrs. W. L. Boswell, Mrs. C. W. Bickley. Visitors: Mrs. D. Dailey, Jr., Mrs. Charles Scott, Mrs. E. A. Scott, Mrs. H. C. Paist, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. T. A. Ryder, Mrs. F. A. Dingee, Mrs. H. H. Kynett, Mrs. E. W. Schofield, Mrs. William Brown, Mrs. J. H. Smythe, Mrs. Marvin Clark, Miss S. Eisenburg, Mrs. M. A. Taylor, Mrs. Susan Patterson, Mrs. M. S. Bonsall, Mrs. E. Turney, and Miss Liming.

Pittsburg.—Mrs. M. J. Schoyer,* Mrs. J. W. Kennear.

Puget Sound.—Mrs. E. C. Miller, M. D., missionary.

Rock River.—Mrs. Katharine V. Falley.

Troy.—Mrs. E. W. Simpson,* Mrs. I. D. Van Valkenburg. Visitors: Mrs. Sarah D. Edmunds, Mrs. William E. Griffin, Mrs. F. Wager, Mrs. F. Shields, Mrs. J. H. Russell, Miss Mabel Russell, Miss M. L. Stevens, and Rev. I. D. Van Valkenburg.

Upper Iowa.—Visitor: Mrs. Chloe Collin.

Virginia.—Mrs. J. W. Bechtel.

Vermont.—Mrs. C. S. Richmond,* Mrs. A. H. Webb.

West Texas.—Mrs. E. S. Spriggs.*

Wilmington.—Mrs. Emma L. Weldin,* Mrs. M. R. Lincoln. Visitors: Mrs. N. M. Browne, Mrs. Stansbury Willey, Mrs. Henry C. Robinson, Mrs. Thomas Benson, Mrs. Mary Gee, Mrs. John Booker, Mrs. Isaac Woodrow, Miss Elizabeth M. Maris, Mrs. Emma Groves, Mrs. Mary E. Deputy, Mrs. Mary Brown, Mrs. Henry F. Pickles, Mrs. L. C. Matlack, Miss Dora McLeod, Mrs. William E. Francis, Mrs. William Morrow, Mrs. M. E. Francis, Mrs. Annie Kirk, Miss Myrna Tomkinson, Mrs. L. E. Crohamn, Mrs. Frank Mitchell, Mrs. C. N. Bradway, Mrs. Washington Hastings, Mrs. J. B. Quigg.

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Wyoming.—Mrs. George B. Kulp,* Mrs. W. G. Simpson. Visitors: Mrs. P. L. Bennett, Mrs. W. H. Pearce, Mrs. James Bowman, Mrs. C. E. Mogg, Mrs. G. I. Llewellyn, Miss Ella Sturdevant, Mrs. J. C. Leacock, Mrs. G. D. Dewitt.

Mrs. Fisk announced that Mrs. A. F. Beiler, Secretary of the Bureau for Alaska, could not be present at the evening session, according to program, because of unforeseen detention during her homeward trip from Alaska. It was hoped, however, she would arrive before the close of the meeting.

Mrs. Williams announced the arrival of Mrs. E. C. Miller, of Fort Simcoe, Wash., missionary to the Yakima Indians, and requested that she be permitted to speak of her work at the evening meeting. Granted.

Mrs. Robinson submitted a request from the New England Conference, that Professor Harriet Cook, of Boston, be permitted to present her medical work during the evening session. Granted.

Mrs. Fisk announced that subscriptions to the daily papers would now be received at the post-office.

The doxology was sung, and, on motion, the meeting adjourned until 7.30 P. M.

Thursday Evening.

THE meeting opened with the singing of "Faith of our Fathers." Miss Van Marter read the fifteenth chapter of St. John, and offered an earnest petition that we might be brought into nearness to God, the source of all strength and wisdom.

The Minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Woodruff, corrected, and adopted.

By request of the President, Mrs. Fisk, the Rev. R. S. Rust, D. D., was invited to the platform, that he might be seated beside his bride on this, the twenty-second anniversary of their marriage.

The anthem, "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found," was beautifully rendered by the quartet of the Madison Avenue Church.

Mrs. Rust called attention to the fact that, according to the Constitution, all proposed changes in the by-laws must be presented during the first three days of the Convention.

The report of the Bureau for West Central States, Mrs. Mary Fisk Park, Secretary, was submitted, and, on motion, adopted. (See Report.)

By request, Mrs. Woodruff sang several stanzas of "Christ is All," the audience joining in the chorus.

Professor Harriet Cook, of Boston, in representing her medical work, said that while resident at Mildmay, England, there was a medical mission in the mission of which she had charge, and that her observation and experience in this work had convinced her that in the Home as well as the Foreign mission-field the medical mission is the most effective

agency in the work of soul-saving, and that to heal the sick and say, "The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you," is still the Divine order of work. Coming to Boston four years since, she had entered into the ordinary form of missionary work on old historic ground, from which the Churches of to-day had departed, only to meet discouragements, until by the aid of three faithful Christian physicians, who gave long hours of service without compensation, she was able to realize her long-cherished desire for the establishment of medical work in these destitute localities. Instances were given showing the blessed influences of this work.

"O Galilee, sweet Galilee," was sung by the choir, to the great delight of the audience.

In introducing Mrs. E. C. Miller, medical missionary among the Yakima Indians, Mrs. Fisk called the thought of the Convention to the Indians' lifelong friend, Mrs. Dorchester, who a few years since went home. Mrs. Miller stated that the tribe of Indians among whom she labored was a widely-scattered one, numbering about seventeen hundred. Her experience had convinced her that in the uplifting of the Indian there could be no hurry. Patience would always be needed. Touching instances were given of the transformation of character as ample reward for years of service.

An invitation to visit the Woman's College at three o'clock to-morrow was presented, and, on motion, accepted.

"When the roll is called up yonder" was sung, and adjournment until 10.30 Friday morning followed. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. R. S. Rust, D. D.

Friday Morning.

THE devotional services were conducted by Mrs. G. E. Palen.

The Committee of the Whole on Finance and Mission Fields remained in session until 10.30, when it arose, and the order of business was taken up after one stanza of "A charge to keep I have" was sung, Mrs. Fisk presiding.

The Minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Albright, and adopted.

Judge McDowell, of Washington, D. C., was introduced, and made a few happy and striking remarks.

Mrs. M. C. Hickman presented the following:

Resolved, That in future we use the term *scholarship* instead of beneficiary when applied to money used to aid students.

On motion, referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The report of the Bureau for New Mexico and Arizona (*Indian*), Mrs. E. W. Simpson Secretary, was presented. Mrs. Simpson made a plea for \$300 for a new dormitory at Dulce, and \$100 for scholarships. The following amounts were rapidly pledged: Troy, N. Y., \$50; Fifth

Avenue Church, Troy, \$25; First Church, Albany, N. Y., \$25; Newark Conference, \$25; Wyoming, \$100; North Indiana, \$25; Ohio, \$25; Detroit, \$20; East Ohio, \$20; Wilmington, \$25; Cincinnati, \$20; New York, \$10; Genesee, \$10; and New England, \$20,—which completed the amount required.

The doxology was then sung with much spirit, and the report was adopted. (See Report.)

The report of the Bureau for Indian and Frontier Work was given by Mrs. H. C. McCabe, Secretary, and followed by a three-minutes' talk by Mrs. Emily C. Miller.

Mrs. Goodman called attention to a supply of excellent pictures in her possession, which she desired to present to Mrs. Miller for use among the Indians.

Mrs. Bishop Cranston spoke briefly of her visit to Stickney Home, Lynden, Wash., urging increased interest in this most excellent work.

Mrs. McCabe thought a continuous thank-offering from all Auxiliaries for the homes which they enjoy should be directed toward the Indian work. The following pledges were made for scholarships in this Bureau: Baltimore Conference, \$40; Central New York, \$40 and a barrel of supplies; Central Ohio, \$50; Central Pennsylvania, \$40; Cincinnati, \$25; East Ohio, \$25; Erie, \$40. for Erie McCabe; New Castle District, Erie \$40; Michigan, \$40; New York, \$5; North Ohio, \$25; Northern New York, \$10; Northwest Iowa, \$40; Ohio, \$40, conditional; Philadelphia, \$10, if work is resumed for the Poncas or Pawnees; Oregon, \$65; Pittsburg, \$20; Troy, \$40; Wilmington, \$40; New England, \$40; Indiana, \$5; Vermont, \$40; Winton Place Band, Cincinnati, \$40; Junior Epworth League of Hemingway Church, Evanston, Ill., \$5.

Mrs. Schoyer offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Mrs. M. R. Crawford, of Williamsport, Pa., was stricken with sudden and severe illness on her way to this meeting; therefore,

Resolved, That this body express to her its sincere regret and deep sympathy in her affliction, together with its appreciation of her long and faithful services.

The noon-prayer service, in charge of Mrs. J. W. Campbell, was a time of rest and refreshing.

In view of early adjournment to visit the Woman's College, it was moved and carried that we convene at 1.30 P. M. A motion to adjourn prevailed, and the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Dr. Edwards, of Baltimore.

Friday Afternoon.

AT 1.45 o'clock the President, Mrs. Fisk, resumed the chair, with Mrs. W. B. Pope in charge of the devotional exercises. "There is a fountain filled with blood" was sung, followed by the reading of a part of the third chapter of St. John, and a prayer offered by Mrs. Pope.

The Minutes of the morning session were read by Miss Van Marter, and adopted.

The report of the Bureau for West Southern States was submitted by the Secretary, Mrs. F. A. Arter, and, on motion, adopted. (See Report.)

Mrs. Williams, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee for Ritter Home, which, on motion, was adopted. (See Report.)

The Bureau for Home Missionary Reading Circle was represented by its Secretary, Mrs. J. L. Trisler, who, in impressive and eloquent words, awarded the banner to the Baltimore Conference, as having enrolled the greatest number of members during the year.

Mrs. T. P. Frost responded in appropriate words, showing what an inspiration the banner had been to her more than seven hundred members of the Reading Circle.

On motion, the report was adopted. (See Report.)

Mrs. Goodman recommended that the following change in By-law 4, page 273, last Annual Report, be made: Insert after By-law 3 the following words: "Where no special agent is appointed to solicit subscriptions to *Woman's Home Missions* it shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary;" then shall follow the By-law as it now stands.

Mrs. Roach advocated that a special Secretary be appointed in each Conference, district, and Auxiliary for this duty, rather than place the duty upon the Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. Kellicott recommended that the work be given to the librarian.

Mrs. Hickman offered an amendment, that where no special agent is appointed this duty shall devolve upon the Corresponding Secretary.

The amendment was accepted by Mrs. Goodman, and, on motion, the proposed change was referred to the Committee on By-laws.

Mrs. Everett asked to be excused from the Committee on By-laws, and that Mrs. Carhart take her place. Granted.

Mrs. Robinson asked to be excused from the same Committee, and that Mrs. Woodruff take her place. Granted.

Mrs. Negus requested that the age of children eligible to Mother's Jewels Bands be ten years instead of eight. On motion, referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The President, Mrs. Fisk, requested Mrs. Pearne to sing "Christ is All," while the audience should join in the chorus.

After the singing of the beautiful hymn, the President tenderly referred to the bereavement of our beloved Mrs. McCabe.

Mrs. Aiken asked that we offer silent prayer, and thus testify our heartfelt sympathy for our sister and gifted co-worker.

Mrs. Aiken said that word had come to us that the Rev. Newell S. Albright, D. D., of Denver, whose words had so thrilled us at Columbus, O., as he represented our work in an evening address, had recently passed away, and she moved that a Committee of Three be appointed by the chair to convey, by resolution, to Mrs. Albright our sympathy for her, and our keen appreciation of our own loss.

The President appointed as this Committee Mrs. Aiken, Mrs. A. D. Knapp, and Mrs. H. C. Hedges.

On motion, adjourned until 7.30 P. M. The benediction was pronounced by the Rev Dr. Richardson.

Friday Evening.

THE devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. E. Turney, who read the seventeenth chapter of St. Matthew.

The President, Mrs. Fisk, occupied the chair, and stated that the absence of the Mayor of Baltimore from the opening session of this Convention was due to his obedience to the law requiring his presence in his office from ten A. M. to two P. M.

The Minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Potter, and adopted.

Mrs. I. D. Jones, Chairman of the Committee on Glenn Home, spoke effectively of the good work accomplished by this missionary agency in Cincinnati. On motion, the report was adopted. (See Report.)

The address of the evening, forceful and of thrilling eloquence, was delivered by the Rev. S. Parkes Cadman, D. D., pastor of Metropolitan Temple, New York City. He reviewed the lives of Susannah Wesley and Mary Fletcher, and criticised the departure from the old hymns of Charles Wesley. He denied that Methodism is going backward, but feared the Church, in many places, is becoming too "respectable." Had not the Church departed from the teachings of its early days, the Salvation Army would never have arisen. It is our duty to control society in the interest of the kingdom of God. We must keep our grasp on the world, and keep pace with the advancement of science.

"Come, thou Fount of every blessing," was sung, and the meeting adjourned until Saturday, 10.30 A. M. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. T. P. Frost.

Saturday Morning.

THE devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. G. W. Mansfield, who read from the fourth chapter of Second Kings. Prayer was offered by Mrs. F. W. Ainsworth. Mrs. Pearne led in singing "Bringing in the Sheaves," and Mrs. Woodruff sang "Jesus paid it all."

After the meeting of the Committee of the Whole on Finance and Mission Fields arose, at 10.45 o'clock, Mrs. Fisk resumed the chair, and the Convention joined in singing "Wonderful words of life."

The Minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Aiken, and adopted.

Mrs. Mary Fisk Park submitted the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, We miss from our number one who has from year to year added, by her presence and ability, to the profit of our Convention, Mrs. Samuel Hamilton, of Pittsburg, who is detained by serious illness; therefore,

Resolved, That we express to her our sympathy and love.

Mrs. George H. Thompson presented a report from the Auditing Committee, which, on motion of Mrs. Goodman, was referred to the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields, with power to act, with the exception of the recommendation referring to the payment of organizers, which, on motion of Mrs. Everett, was referred to the Committee on By-laws.

Mrs. Rust moved the suspension of the By-law, so that this or any other change may be referred to the Committee on By-laws, although the time for the presentation of any such changes has expired. Carried.

On motion, it was unanimously resolved that a communication should be sent to Mr. Richard Dymond, Cincinnati, O., expressing the appreciation of the Society for his untiring aid and encouragement in our work.

Mrs. Fisk gave to the Convention the words of St. Paul in Second Corinthians, ninth chapter, and eighth verse, as words of greeting from Mrs. E. E. Marcy, of Evanston, Ill., who, for the first time, is absent from the Annual Meeting.

Mrs. Hickman presented the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we tender our sympathy to Mrs. Marcy in view of the family affliction which detains her from our Convention.

The report of the Bureau for Utah was submitted by the Secretary, Mrs. B. S. Potter. At the close of this report, Mrs. Potter called attention to the presence of Mrs. Angie F. Newman and the Rev. T. C. Iliff, D. D., Superintendent of Missions under the Missionary Society, and asked that they might each have five minutes to speak to the Convention.

Mrs. Newman requested that Dr. Iliff be given all the time at disposal for Utah. Granted.

The Rev. Dr. Iliff then made an inspiring address. He said, in part:

"Through the influence of your Society, sentiment has been made looking to the overthrow of that awful ecclesiasticism which governs that and adjacent States. You persisted until the death-knell of polygamy was sounded; until the white banner of home now waves over that city. Your first President saw the need of schools, and you planted your Lucy Webb Hayes school-houses all over that State. You have blessed the children and improved the condition of the home, and these improved conditions have brought about a better Americanism, which has begun to assert itself. This bids fair to make Utah, as other States, American at the polls, in the schools, and in the homes, and her future is assured. When the time comes we must step aside with denominational schools, and give way to the American public school. American patriotism must be taught those children until it shall twine around their hearts with not merely enthusiasm, but with love and reverence deep and unchanging."

Dr. Iliff spoke of the Gospel Tent as an evangelizing agency, and said that they were now in need of another. On motion of Mrs. Aiken, this request was referred to the Bureau for Utah. The report was then adopted.

Mrs. H. I. Kinsey pledged a new flag for Davis Hall, Salt Lake City.

The President read a letter from Bishop McCabe, encouraging us in our work, and suggesting that if a penny a day could be given by our Churches for missions, we would then realize \$10,000,000 a year.

Mrs. Goodman took charge of the noontide prayer service, and presented the thought of thank-offering-day, while Mrs. Williams urged the claims of the Emergency Fund. She believed the thought was inspired by the Master, and that if we co-operated with him we were sure of the whole \$20,000.

The hour was one long to be remembered, because of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

On motion, adjourned to meet at two P. M.

Saturday Afternoon.

THE President, Mrs. Fisk, resumed the chair at two o'clock. The devotional exercises were in charge of Mrs. W. G. McDowell, who read from the first chapter of Joshua and the forty-sixth Psalm. "Stand up, stand up, for Jesus," was sung, and prayer was offered by Mrs. J. E. Gilbert.

The Minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Woodruff, and adopted.

Mrs. Fisk presented an earnest invitation from Dr. Iliff, that the Annual Meeting of the General Board of Managers be held in Salt Lake City in 1898. Appreciation of the invitation was expressed, and, on motion of Mrs. Aiken, it was referred to the Committee on Place of Meeting.

The report of the E. E. Marcy Home, Chicago, Ill., was read by Mrs. K. V. Falley, and, on motion, adopted. (See Report.)

Mrs. Fisk stated that she had visited the Marcy Home in Chicago, and was much interested in its work.

The report of the Committee on Thank-offering was given by Miss Van Marter, Chairman, who urged that the Secretaries ask largely for literature, and that the day be universally observed by the Auxiliaries. On motion, the report was adopted. (See Report.)

Miss Van Marter also gave the report of the Leaflet Committee, of which she is Chairman. On motion, adopted. (See Report.)

The report of the Bureau for Young People's Work was submitted by the Secretary, Mrs. S. Hazlett, and, on motion, adopted. (See Report.)

When the report of the Bureau for Systematic Beneficence was called, Mrs. Aiken stated that Mrs. Mather had resigned the secretaryship during the year on account of ill-health. The General Executive Board had reluctantly accepted her resignation, but a successor had not been appointed, consequently there was no report.

Mrs. McCabe, our intelligent advocate of systematic beneficence, read a carefully-prepared paper upon the subject, greatly to the edification of all. Time was called during the reading, but, on motion of Mrs. Potter, was extended until the paper was completed. This was, on motion, ordered printed in the Annual Report. (See Paper.)

On motion, a vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. McCabe for her able presentation of the subject.

The Convention joined in singing "All hail the power of Jesus' name," with the chorus, "Blessed be the Name."

Mrs. Rust stated that Mrs. Miller, our missionary, would remain in the East, possibly six months, and would respond to invitations to represent the work. Mrs. Rust moved that her itinerary be put into the hands of a committee, of which Mrs. T. P. Frost shall be chairman, with power to choose her assistants. Carried.

Mrs. Frost named as her assistants, Mrs. W. A. Goodman, Jr., Mrs. S. W. Floyd, Mrs. J. A. Lantry, and Mrs. F. A. Arter.

It was decided that the expense of travel of Mrs. Miller from last appointment be met from the Contingent Fund of the Conference calling her, or from a collection taken at the meeting.

Miss Van Marter asked to be excused from the Committee on Resolutions, and that Mrs. Thompson take her place. Request granted.

On motion, Mrs. Hazlett was added to the Committee on Resolutions.

Mrs. Herron, Chairman of the Committee on Missionary Candidates, submitted a report, which, on motion, was adopted. (See Report.)

Mrs. E. B. Green, Secretary of the Bureau for Local Work, presented a report, which, on motion, was adopted. (See Report.)

The time for the communion service having arrived, the President stated that she had invited Mrs. Van Benscoten to have charge of the hour, but illness having prevented her attendance, she had asked Dr. Richardson, pastor of the Church, to take charge. Seven ministers assisted.

After communion-service, Dr. Richardson invited the Rev. Dr. Rust to lead the testimony hour. The memory of this delightful season will long abide with all who participated.

After benediction by Rev. Dr. Iliff, the meeting adjourned until Monday morning, nine o'clock.

Sunday Afternoon.

THE Young People's meeting was held in Fayette Street Church at three o'clock, Mrs. Samuel Hazlett presiding. Recitations were given by Miss Addie Spurrier and Washington Scott. A vocal solo, "Song of Thanksgiving," was rendered by Miss Emma Zinkhan.

Addresses were given by Mrs. I. D. Jones, on "Who are our Queen Esthers?" Miss Martha Van Marter, on "Work for Home Mission Bands;" and Mrs. Mary Fisk Park, on "Our Mother's Jewels."

Sunday Evening.

THE Anniversary of the Society was held in Fayette Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk presiding.

The fine quartet choir of the Church, under the direction of Mr. R. E. Childs, rendered "The Heavens are Declaring," by Beethoven.

The devotional exercises were conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. H. Richardson, D. D., assisted by Rev. Samuel Wilson.

The hymn, "Watchman, tell us of the night," was sung.

The President, Mrs. Fisk, delivered a brief address of great encouragement to the workers, in that the eleven Southern Homes she visited during the year rejoiced over the conversion of all save one of the three thousand girls instructed.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Delia Lathrop Williams, presented a summary of receipts and disbursements, and, in view of the inability of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. R. S. Rust, to submit an abstract of her report, gave interesting information in regard to the work of the Society.

The hymn, "Our country's voice is pleading," was sung.

The President, Mrs. Fisk, announced that, owing to the sudden but not serious illness of Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson, who was to have delivered the Anniversary Address, she herself would read it. (See Address.)

The doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by the Rev. R. S. Rust, D. D.

Monday Morning.

THE President, Mrs. Fisk, resumed the chair at nine o'clock.

Mrs. H. G. Marshall, in charge of the devotional exercises, read the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah. Bishop Bowman led in a fervent prayer. "Take the name of Jesus with you" was sung.

By common consent, the order of the day,—the election of officers,—was delayed until a larger number should be present.

Bishop Bowman expressed his pleasure in looking over the Conven-

tion, and questioned whether the Society realized the magnitude of the work it is doing. It was a constant surprise to himself. Everywhere he went, testimony was given that the members of the two great Woman's Societies were among the best supporters of their Church work.

The Minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Potter, and adopted.

The report of Louisiana Conference was given by the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. D. M. Walker, and, on motion, adopted (see Report), after Mrs. Goodman called attention to the gift of a piece of land for the location of an Industrial Home reported by Mrs. Walker for the Louisiana Conference. This matter, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields.

Mrs. Rust and Mrs. Hedges spoke of their visit to this Conference, and of the excellent work being done.

The report of West Texas Conference was read by its Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. S. Spriggs, and, on motion, adopted. (See Report.)

Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Rust bore testimony to the self-sacrificing character of the work done by Mrs. Spriggs.

By request, Mrs. Spriggs sang "One more river to cross," and Mrs. Walker, "The Lord will provide," to the great delight of the audience.

Mrs. Fisk introduced Bishop Cranston, who said that it gave him great pleasure to speak of the beneficent work being done for our pastors on the Western frontier, and he would say "God bless you."

The hymn, "A charge to keep I have," was sung.

Mrs. Williams was called to the chair, and the order of the day was taken up.

Mrs. Williams appointed the following ladies as the first set of tellers: Mesdames Goodman, Bickley, Green, and Everett. Second set of tellers: Mesdames Brownell, Adams, Hazlett, and Evans.

The informal ballot for President was then ordered.

Mrs. Aiken nominated Mrs. J. E. Gilbert as Assistant Secretary, in the place of Miss Van Marter, who was obliged to return home. The nomination was confirmed.

Mrs. Tomkinson desired to know whether Secretaries of Bureaus had a vote in this body, and was answered in the negative.

The second set of tellers was called, and the informal ballot for Corresponding Secretary was ordered.

The report of the New England Conference was read by the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. S. W. Floyd, and, on motion, adopted. (See Report.)

The first set of tellers announced the informal ballot for President, as follows: Total number of votes cast, 81; for Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, 80. On motion, the informal ballot was made the formal ballot, and the Recording Secretary, Mrs. Aiken, was instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention for Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk as President of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Fisk was presented to the Convention by Mrs. Williams, and, on resuming the chair, said, "The best there is in me shall be given to the Society."

The second set of tellers reported number of ballots cast for Corresponding Secretary, 74; Mrs. Rust received 74. On motion, the informal ballot was made the formal ballot, and the Recording Secretary, with an expression of gratitude to God for the spared life of Mrs. Rust, cast the ballot for Mrs. R. S. Rust as the Corresponding Secretary of the Society.

In response, Mrs. Rust said she had given seventeen years of service to this Society, and had been absent from only one Annual Meeting, the last. Twice during this interval she had gone down into the Shadow of Death, and was grateful for the prayers which, she believed, were instrumental in her preservation, and for the sympathy and love so freely bestowed upon her by all her associates in this work. If never permitted to meet with them again, she wanted them to know "It is all right."

Mrs. Williams said when she visited Mrs. Rust in the hospital, she found the place aglow with an exhibition of patience, heroism, and faith, and the beloved Corresponding Secretary waiting the arrival of her assistant, to resume her work. Mrs. Williams desired the ladies to know how, by the grace of God, our women endure, and will be ready to die, if need be.

Mrs. Wodruff led in singing, "No, not one."

The tellers announced the informal ballot for Recording Secretary: 81 votes were cast, of which 79 were for Mrs. F. A. Aiken. On motion of Mrs. Jones, the informal ballot was made the formal one, and in casting the vote for Mrs. Aiken as Recording Secretary, Mrs. Rust expressed her great pleasure in this token of appreciation of the long years of service given by Mrs. Aiken to this Society.

The informal ballot for Treasurer was ordered.

The reports of the Minnesota, presented by Mrs. John Taylor, and of the New England Southern Conferences, by Mrs. J. A. Southard, were, on motion, adopted. (See Reports.)

The informal ballot for Vice-Presidents was ordered.

The tellers reported the informal ballot for Treasurer; 82 votes were cast. Mrs. Williams received 82. On motion of Mrs. Tomkinson, the informal ballot was made the formal one, and Mrs. Aiken, who could find no words to emphasize the unanimous expression of the vote, cast the ballot of the Convention for Mrs. D. L. Williams. The Chautauqua salute was awarded Mrs. Williams, and she invited the further co-operation of the ladies in securing the \$20,000 for the Emergency Fund.

On recommendation of the General Executive Board, the nominations for Honorary Vice-Presidents were confirmed. (See page 2.) Mrs. J. W. Mendenhall and Mrs. P. L. Bennett were added to the list. Mrs. Bennett was invited to the platform, introduced to the Convention, and most cordially greeted.

The informal ballot was ordered for the Managers.

On motion of Mrs. Hickman, the summary of the distribution of funds given by Mrs. Williams at the Anniversary meeting was ordered published in the Annual Report.

On motion of Mrs. Kent, the price of the Memorial Volume of Mrs. Lucy Webb Hayes was fixed at fifty cents.

The tellers reported the ballot for Vice-Presidents, as follows, and the informal ballot was made the formal one: number of votes cast, 81. Mrs. J. B. Robinson received 81; Mrs. H. C. McCabe, 79; Mrs. W. C. Herron, 79; Mrs. Bishop Walden, 78; Mrs. F. S. Hoyt, 72.

Mrs. Tomkinson asked for some explanation of constitutional law. The President called upon Mrs. Rust to reply. The questions were: first, "Do Bureau Secretaries and the members of the Advisory Board have a vote in this body?" Mrs. Rust answered, "They do not." Second, "When the Constitution, as revised, shall be confirmed by the next General Conference, will it give to them a vote, or only a seat and voice in this body?" Answer: "They will have a right to a vote." Question: "Will they have a right to a vote in the General Executive Board?" Answer: "They will have a place in its counsels, but not a vote." Fourth: "Is the new Constitution pending confirmation by the General Conference still open for further amendments?" Answer: "It might be, but only at a session of the Board of Managers held in the State of Ohio."

On motion, the consideration of the opening of work at Key West, Florida, was referred to the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields.

Mrs. Aiken submitted a letter of greeting from Mrs. F. S. Hoyt, and instruction was given that a suitable reply be sent on behalf of the Society.

The report of New Hampshire Conference was made by the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A. T. Wells, and, on motion, adopted. (See Report.)

An invitation from the Superintendent, Henry M. Hurd, M. D., to visit the Johns Hopkins Hospital, was accepted with thanks.

Mrs. Williams stated that she had in hand a note from Mrs. M. R. Crawford, who is ill in a hospital in this city, having been stricken on her way to the Convention. She added that this sister had been a tower of strength to the Central Pennsylvania Conference, having by her own personal effort raised during the year the sum of \$150 for the Emergency Fund. Mrs. Crawford expressed her loving appreciation and thanks for the lovely flowers sent her, and more than all for the prayers of the Convention, closing with "The Everlasting Arms are beneath me."

Mrs. C. B. Dickinson led in prayer at the noon hour, and the hymn, "O, for the faith that will not shrink," was sung.

On motion, the meeting adjourned until two P. M. The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. L. B. Wilson, D. D.

Monday Afternoon.

THE meeting was opened by singing, "When I survey the wondrous cross," and prayer was offered by Mrs. Emily C. Miller, M. D.

Mrs. Fisk occupied the chair, and the Minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Albright, and adopted.

Mrs. Aiken said she had incidentally learned that our Corresponding Secretary from the West Texas Conference, Mrs. Spriggs, had, on Sunday, received \$5 for subscriptions to our valuable papers.

Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson, Secretary of the Bureau for Deaconess Work, stated that she would take time to give only a synopsis of her report. After the presentation of each Home, she called upon a deaconess or some member of the directing Board, to speak in its behalf. On motion, these reports were adopted. (See Reports.)

At this point the tellers were ready to report on the election of Managers. Whole number of votes cast, 80. Mrs. W. M. Ampt received 80; Mrs. J. L. Whetstone, 79; Mrs. G. H. Thompson, 79; Mrs. Anna Kent, 79; Mrs. E. L. Albright, 79; Mrs. J. W. Gosling, 78; Mrs. M. T. Carey, 78; Mrs. W. A. Goodman, Jr., 77; Mrs. I. D. Jones, 76; Mrs. W. L. Boswell, 76; Mrs. James Dale, 76; Mrs. Lewis Curtis, 76.

The Rev. Dr. Ames, Superintendent of the National Training-school; Miss Ida H. Rogers, its Preceptress; and Rev. L. B. Wilson, D. D., were invited to seats on the platform.

The Rev. L. H. Wilson, D. D., addressed a few impressive words, showing that zeal without knowledge can never win the world to Christ. It is a great mistake to think that anybody can deal with poverty, sin, and sickness. Besides natural abilities along these lines, an education for the work is absolutely necessary.

Miss Alice M. Wells, of Washington, D. C., rendered most tenderly, with autoharp accompaniment, a solo, "My Mother's Bible."

The Rev. A. H. Ames, D. D., submitted a report of the National Training-school, in which he showed that the present building is insufficient to meet the needs of the school, and that one adapted to its efficiency might be secured at the cost of \$30,000.

Mrs. Robinson spoke to the report, pleading for the enlargement of the National Training-school, that she desired a pledge of support in the effort for raising \$10,000 for the purchase of additional land in Washington City.

Mrs. Angie F. Newman presented the following resolution, believing that the roses of our affection should be presented to our dear Mrs. R. S. Rust:

Resolved, That in pursuance of the plan of Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson, we hereby pledge ourselves to the construction of a new building at Washington.

Resolved, 2. That, as a token of our confidence and great affection for

our beloved Corresponding Secretary, the new building shall be named Rust Hall.

Resolved, 3. That we proceed here and now to pledge the \$1,000 necessary to the naming of this building.

Mrs. Kent favored this project. Mrs. Roach testified to the value of the Training-school, and pledged the Baltimore Conference to the support of the requests.

Mrs. Minard, Mrs. Herron, and Mrs. Murphy voiced the sentiment of the body in earnest words of approval. Dr. Ames said he had \$50 in his hand for the naming of Rust Hall. Mrs. Robinson said she could see \$750 at hand toward the purchase of a site, with \$500 pledged from Michigan Conference.

Mrs. Fisk suggested that an expression be given by the body, which rapidly took such material form as to realize in pledges for Rust Hall \$1,560, with \$100 from Dr. Rust toward the purchase of a site.

The list of Conference pledges is as follows: Mrs. Angie F. Newman, \$25 for each of the three Nebraska Conferences; Troy, \$50; Baltimore, \$100; Newark, \$100; Northern New York, \$25; North Ohio, \$25; Wyoming, \$100; New Jersey, \$100; Iowa, \$100; Central New York, \$100; Indiana, \$50; North Indiana, \$50; Philadelphia, \$100; Central Ohio, \$25; Genesee, \$25; New York, \$25; Wilmington, \$50; Erie, \$25; Cincinnati, \$50; New York East, \$25; Illinois, \$25; Central Illinois, \$25; Central Pennsylvania, \$10; Utah, by Dr. Iliff, \$25; Albion District, Mich., \$25; Cleveland District, East Ohio Conference, \$25. Personal pledges from Dr. Ames, \$50; Mrs. Griffin, \$25; Mrs. J. I. Boswell, \$25; Mrs. James Dale, \$25; Mrs. H. C. Hedges, \$25; Miss Elizabeth A. Scott, \$25; Mrs. Judge McDowell, \$50; Mrs. D. B. Street, \$25; Mrs. J. C. Tasker, \$25; Mrs. W. C. Herron, \$25; Miss Mary L. Gilbert, \$25; Mrs. J. P. Negus, \$25; Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson, \$50; Mrs. William Burris, \$25.

The Convention then rose, and sang with much feeling, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow."

A note was passed by Mrs. Rust to the President, giving her permission to say anything or nothing concerning the action of this body in proposing to erect Rust Hall. The silence and tears of Mrs. Rust were evidence of her appreciation.

Mrs. James Dale believed that the Hall should be a tribute to both Dr. and Mrs. Rust, and Mrs. Rust acknowledged the invaluable assistance Dr. Rust had given her in the prosecution of the work.

On motion, the report of Dr. Ames was adopted, and its recommendations for appropriation referred to the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields. (See Report.)

Miss Rogers, Preceptress of the National Training-school, presented the great need of the Home for bedding, table-linen, cutlery, etc.

Mrs. T. L. Tomkinson, Chairman of the Committee on Place of Meeting, stated that invitations had been received for the next Annual Meeting from Minneapolis, Evanston, Salt Lake City, and Omaha. Mrs.

Roach spoke in favor of Evanston. Mrs. Newman favored Omaha, but urged acceptance of invitation from Salt Lake City. Mrs. Taylor pleaded most earnestly and eloquently for Minneapolis.

A standing vote was taken, which resulted in a majority vote for Minneapolis. On motion, this was made the unanimous choice of the Convention.

On motion of Mrs. Aiken, a vote of thanks was tendered the other cities, with the hope that the invitation may be accepted at some future time.

The Special Committee appointed to draft resolutions respecting the death of the Rev. Newell S. Albright, D. D., reported, through Mrs. A. D. Knapp, as follows:

WHEREAS, The Rev. Newell S. Albright, D. D., Professor of Historical and Biblical Theology in the Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colorado, having recently been called away by death; therefore,

Resolved, That we record our appreciation of the faithful service which he rendered our Society at Asheville, N. C., and of the inspiring words which he addressed to us when assembled in Convention at Columbus, O.

Resolved, That we express to Mrs. Albright, so long a member of this body, our heartfelt sympathy and tender love, and ask for her God's sustaining grace in this bereavement.

On motion, adjourned to meet in Grace Methodist Episcopal Church at 7.30 P. M. The doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. R. S. Rust, D. D.

Monday Evening.

THE Deaconess Anniversary was held in Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, Mrs. Fisk presiding. The "Star-spangled Banner" was given as a solo and quartet, with inspiring effect.

Rev. H. S. France led in prayer. The quartet of Grace Church most beautifully rendered "Jesus, Lover of my soul."

Mrs. Fisk introduced Mayor Hooper, who was glad to welcome so much culture, refinement, and piety as is represented by our Society. He appreciated the mission of the Society, and the great good done by the deaconesses.

Miss Kirstine Peterson, of the Baltimore Deaconess Home, spoke of the Hospital, Fresh Air, and Kindergarten Work.

Mrs. Helen Evans, of the same Home, gave a graphic account of the house-to-house visitation, the nurse-deaconess, and House of Refuge work, and sewing-classes.

Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson, in a forceful address, showed the deaconess work to be a sociological factor between those who need and those who have the means to supply the need.

The choir then rendered, most beautifully, "Blessed are ye who sow beside all waters."

Bishop John P. Newman delivered an address on "The Deaconess Work as Applied Christianity." He stated that the present conditions of suffering humanity have been brought about by transgression of the Divine law. This can only be arrested by the application of two great principles, love toward God, and love toward our fellow-man. The idea of Wesley was "Holiness unto God, and philanthropy unto men." Fifty years ago Methodism saw the second thought of Wesley, and out of that view has grown our great missionary enterprises. We must not only see the rags of the beggar, but the immortality of the soul. We must not only give relief, but we must strike at the root, which is sin. You have grasped the twofold thought, and more; you have brought about the consecration of womanhood for the alleviation of suffering. Your thought is the sanctification of womanhood for the elevation of humanity everywhere, and the redemption of the race.

The Rev. J. St. Clair Neal, D. D., presented the needs of the Baltimore Deaconess Home, and subscriptions were solicited for this special work.

On motion, adjourned to 10.30 Tuesday morning.

The doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. George Miller, D. D., pastor of the Church.

Tuesday Morning.

THE President, Mrs. Fisk, occupied the chair, and the meeting opened with singing "He leadeth me." Mrs. Fisk read the ninety-first Psalm, and one stanza of "O for a thousand tongues," was sung. Mrs. Kannard Chandler offered a fervent prayer, and the devotional exercises closed with the singing of three stanzas of "From every stormy wind that blows."

The Minutes of Monday afternoon session were read by Mrs. J. E. Gilbert, and adopted. The Minutes of Monday evening session were presented by Mrs. Woodruff, and adopted.

Miss Frances A. Fish was elected Editor of the Annual Report; Mrs. H. C. McCabe, Editor of *Woman's Home Missions*; and Miss Martha Van Marter, Editor of *Children's Home Missions*; Miss Mary Belle Evans, Publisher of *Woman's* and *Children's Home Missions*.

Mrs. George H. Thompson, Mrs. James Dale, and Mr. Richard Dymond were elected Auditors.

The Advisory Board and the names of Bureau Secretaries were presented by the Recording Secretary, as recommended by the General Executive Board, and confirmed. (See pages 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.)

On motion, adjourned to go into Committee of the Whole on Finance and Mission Fields.

After this Committee arose, about ten minutes of twelve, Mrs. Roach requested that the ladies who had filled pulpits on Sunday in the interests of our work be given an opportunity to report with reference to the known results of these meetings. Granted.

Mrs. Fisk stated that while enjoying the hospitality of the chief citizen of Baltimore, Mayor Hooper, he asked, "Who are those young ladies who so quietly glide about the church?" The answer, in the presence of the Convention, was the most cordial introduction of the Misses Grace C. Ward, Nellie M. Keout, Lavina Allen, and Ada Kennard, pages, gracefully and faithfully performing the duties of the hour, and made the recipients of the gratitude of the Convention through the appreciative words of Mrs. Fisk.

Mrs. I. D. Jones announced that these promising young ladies, with others, would be organized into a Mission Circle this afternoon.

After a precious season of song, prayer, and testimony, the session adjourned until two P. M.

Tuesday Afternoon.

THE Convention opened at two o'clock, with the President, Mrs. Fisk, in the chair.

The devotional exercises were in charge of Miss Cummings, who read a selection from the eighth chapter of Deuteronomy. Mrs. W. H. Pearce led in prayer, and "God bless our native land" was sung.

The Minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Aiken, and adopted.

Mrs. Robinson stated that she had placed communications in regard to the opening of work in Honolulu in the hands of Mrs. Park, and hoped that they might be heard at a later time in the meeting.

As a tangible proof of the interest created by the meeting, Mrs. Park announced a gift from a friend of \$20 for Rest Home, Ocean Grove, N. J.; \$60 for Watts de Peyster Home; \$60 for the Emergency Fund, and \$15 for the Oriental work.

The report of the Special Committee on *Woman's Home Missions* was submitted by Mrs. Everett, and, on motion of Mrs. Roach, was considered item by item. Items 1 to 8 were adopted without discussion. The discussion on the ninth item resulted in instructions to the publisher to follow the practice of other publications in the matter of the renewal of subscriptions by printed form, and not cut off too rapidly the subscribers who fail to renew subscriptions on the expiration of the year. The remaining items were adopted. Inquiry was made as to the continuance of club rates, and it was decided that the practice of giving one extra paper for each ten subscribers would be continued. On motion, the report was adopted as a whole. (See Report.)

Mrs. Jones presented the following:

Resolved, That we have a tabulated report of our Homes and schools printed in *Woman's Home Missions*. This report to state the date of establishment, value of the Homes and schools, number of teachers and missionaries employed, number of scholars in each, etc.

On motion of Mrs. Williams, adopted.

Mrs. C. W. Gallagher was made Chairman of a Committee to prepare such reports.

Mrs. Kinsey gave an intensely interesting account of the beginning and progress of the work among the Chinese and Japanese on the Pacific Coast. The report was adopted, and ordered published. (See Report.)

On motion of Mrs. Hazlett, the Anniversary Address of Mrs. Robinson, with that made by her at the Deaconess Anniversary, was ordered published in the Annual Report.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary of the New York Conference, Mrs. J. W. Campbell, was presented, and, on motion, adopted. (See Report.)

Mrs. Kent moved that, in recognition of the gift of \$1,000 from Mrs. Robinson on Rest Home property at Ocean Grove, N. J., we have the name, BANCROFT REST HOME FOR MISSIONARIES AND DEACONESSES, adopted by this body. Carried.

Mrs. Rust made a statement in regard to the profit on the sales of Aunt Jemima Baking Powder by various Auxiliaries. Two hundred Auxiliaries had sold 3,624 cans, bringing to the Society a profit of \$4,348.80. If 1,500 Auxiliaries would make similar effort, the Society might realize from it no less a sum than \$30,000 or \$40,000.

The following telegram was received from Mrs. Beiler, Secretary of the Bureau for Alaska: "Read for Alaska First Corinthians, sixteenth chapter, ninth and twenty-fourth verses."

Mrs. Herron was called to the chair, and Mrs. Fisk moved that the Convention adjourn until 7.30 P. M., that the Committee of the Whole on Finance and Mission Fields might continue its work, and the motion prevailed.

Tuesday Evening.

AFTER a season of song service, the President, Mrs. Fisk, explained that it was the custom of the Society, at its Annual Meeting, to ask for a collection at one of its public services to help defray the expense incident to the care of the church entertaining the Convention, and credit this amount to the Church Auxiliary. This generous collection, when taken, enabled the Society to constitute the Rev. C. H. Richardson and wife life members of the Society.

The Minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Albright, and adopted.

Bishop FitzGerald delivered an address on the advancement of woman, which was listened to with marked attention. He rejoiced in this Society, because it is successfully managing its affairs. While its work is done in the homeland, the effect is felt all around the world. Its future will be a great one, and God will give abundant fruit for your labor. Every woman in our Church should join this Society as a thank-offering to God for the wonderful blessings he has given her. May God bless the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and give it such results as can not be measured in time or in eternity!

Bishop Cranston was introduced, with the request that he speak for the Emergency Fund. After a few pleasantries, and a hearty commendation of the work of the Society for the ministers on the Pacific Coast, he invited the Rev. T. C. Iliff, D. D., whom he introduced as the Utah cyclone, and requested him to inspire the people to give to the Emergency Fund. The following pledges of more than one thousand dollars rapidly followed:

Mr. G. W. M. Crook, \$10, paid; Bishop Cranston, \$5, paid; Mrs. Fisk, \$5, paid; Mrs. I. D. Jones, \$10; Mrs. Carey, \$5, paid; Miss Mary L. Gilbert, \$5; Mrs. Park, \$5, paid; Mrs. W. F. Day, \$5, paid; Mrs. Gallagher, \$5, paid; Maine Conference, \$50; Mrs. Carhart, \$5; Mrs. J. W. Campbell, \$5; Mr. A. Roszel Cathcart, \$5, paid; Mrs. J. W. Kinnear, \$5; Mrs. D. A. Minard, for Asbury Auxiliary, Buffalo, N. Y., \$5; Mrs. A. T. Wells, \$5, paid; Mrs. Daniel Onstott, \$5, paid; New Hampshire Conference, \$10; Baltimore Conference, \$100; Young Ladies' Circle, Fayette Street Church, \$5; Mrs. Emily L. Lertch, \$5, paid; Cincinnati Conference, \$25; Miss Mollie Webber, \$5, paid; Miss Umber, \$5, paid; Miss Hannah Crook, \$1, paid; Cash, \$1; Cash, \$1; Mrs. Baldwin, \$1, paid; Friend, \$2; Mrs. Roach, \$6; Mrs. Park, for her grandchild, \$1; Mrs. Smythe, \$1, paid; Mrs. Fisk, for her great-grandchild, \$1, paid; Mrs. Aiken, \$5; Mrs. Albright, \$5; New England Conference, \$50; Mrs. Tomkinson, \$20, paid; Mrs. W. L. Boswell, \$5; Mrs. C. T. Wesley, \$1, paid; Friend, \$5; East Ohio Conference, \$20; New England Southern, \$25; Northwest Iowa, \$25; Mrs. G. H. Thompson, \$5; Mrs. James Dale, \$5; Bishop Cranston, for W. C. B. Kelley, \$5, paid; Mrs. Mary Gere Thomas, per Mrs. H. C. McCabe, \$5, paid; Mrs. Paist, \$1, paid; George Crook Baldwin, \$1, paid; Mrs. Williams, for seven grandchildren, \$7; Mrs. Kent, for grandchild, \$1, paid; Mrs. Carey, for two grandchildren, \$2, paid; Fayette Street Young Ladies' Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, \$5; New Hampshire, \$10; Mrs. Roach, for sainted father, \$1; Gordova Slarrow, \$1, paid; Mr. Schofield, \$2, paid; Mr. Stevens, \$1, paid; Elizabeth Day Burr, \$2, paid; Frederic District, Baltimore Conference, \$5; Mrs. Alonza Collin, \$5, paid; Mrs. D. B. Street, \$5, paid; New England Conference, \$25; New York Conference, \$25; Onarga, Ill., Auxiliary, per Mrs. Hull, \$10; Chautauqua, N. Y., \$20, \$5 paid; Mrs. J. M. Slarrow, \$5; Genesee Conference, \$25; New York, \$35; New York East, \$25; Mrs. Falley, \$5, paid; Mrs. Brownell, \$5, paid; Mrs. Laura Finch Barnard, \$5, paid; North Indiana, \$25;

Mrs. Arter, \$5, paid; Mrs. Edward Lewis, \$5, paid; Friend, \$5; Mrs. James McIntosh, \$5; Mrs. A. R. Timmons, \$5; Mrs. J. L. Trisler, \$5; Mrs. D. L. Williams, \$5; Wilmington, \$25; Michigan, \$25; Mrs. Beaden Kopf, \$5; Mrs. W. C. Herron, \$5; Mrs. J. W. Gosling, \$5; Miss Alma Matthews, \$5; New Jersey, \$25; Mrs. Richmond, \$5, paid; Mrs. Samuel A. Wilson, \$5, paid; Mrs. James E. Gilbert, \$5; Mrs. E. C. Miller, for Indian women, \$5; Indiana, \$25; Mrs. Bunyan, \$5; Central Ohio, \$20; A Friend, \$5; Mrs. Fisk, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Richardson, \$10, paid; Mrs. T. C. Iliff, \$5; A Friend, \$5; Mrs. Buckingham, \$5; Mrs. C. H. Richardson, in honor of her guest, Mrs. Fisk, \$5; East Ohio, \$20; Cash, \$1; Cash, \$1; A Friend, \$1, paid; Mrs. Levi Master, \$1, paid; Two Friends, \$2, paid; Mrs. R. E. Bryan, \$1; Cash, \$2; for Mother-in-law, \$1, paid; three gentlemen, \$3, paid; Mrs. I. D. Jones, for her two children, \$2; Temperance Friend, Cincinnati, \$1, paid; the Choir, Fayette Street Church, \$5, paid; A Friend, \$1, paid.

Mrs. Herron moved a vote of thanks to Bishop FitzGerald for his able address. Carried.

An expression of the gratitude of the Society to Bishop Cranston and Dr. Iliff for their timely assistance was heartily given.

Mrs. Roach moved that we make Bishop Cranston, Bishop FitzGerald, and Rev. Dr. Iliff Honorary Patrons, and Rev. Dr. Richardson Honorary Manager of our Society with the money so generously contributed this evening for the Emergency Fund. Carried.

"My country, 't is of thee," was sung, with much spirit.

The meeting adjourned until 10.30 Wednesday morning, and the benediction was pronounced by Bishop FitzGerald.

Wednesday Morning.

THE meeting was opened with singing "Forever here my rest shall be." Prayer was offered by Mrs. Williams, and "Never farther than the cross" was sung. Mrs. Fisk occupied the chair.

The Minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Potter, and adopted.

A petition from the Finlanders in Minnesota was, by motion, referred to the Bureau for Immigrants.

Mrs. Rust submitted a petition from the Secretary of Home Missionary work among the Germans, which, on motion, was referred to the General Executive Board.

Mrs. Rust also presented a recommendation that a small collection of hymns, accompanied by a small map, showing the location of our Homes, for use in our various missionary gatherings, be published. On motion, referred to the consideration of the Leaflet Committee.

Mrs. Hickman submitted the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved. That we advise our Auxiliaries to send forward their scholarship money as early in the year as possible.

Mrs. W. H. Daniel stated that two delegates conducted services at the Independent Methodist Church Sunday morning, and the pastor stationed two young men at the door to receive voluntary offerings. This money went into the treasury of the Missionary Society of this Church; but at a called meeting of its ladies it was voted to transfer it to the treasury of our Society, with the suggestion that it go to the Baltimore Deaconess Home.

Rev. S. L. Beiler, D. D., Vice-Chancellor of the American University, at Washington, D. C., was introduced to the Convention by the President, Mrs. Fisk. He expressed words of earnest sympathy with, and a hearty Godspeed to our work, and stated that Bishop McCabe, at the Western Danish Conference, had appointed a presiding elder for Alaska. Mrs. Beiler was expected to reach Washington on next Saturday.

Mrs. Fisk requested that he convey to Mrs. Beiler our words of welcome and greeting on her arrival.

Mrs. Roach announced that it was the desire of Washington friends to give Mrs. Beiler a reception before she left for Alaska; but at Mrs. Beiler's request, this was postponed until she should return. The reception will be given in Metropolitan Church, Washington, next Monday evening, and all ladies who can arrange to remain are cordially invited to be present.

In calling the roll of Conferences, it appeared that some Conferences were not personally represented, but had sent reports. On motion, the reports of the Secretaries present were given preference.

Reports of Conference Secretaries were presented as follows: Iowa, by Mrs. L. G. Murphy; North Indiana, Mrs. L. H. Bunyan; New York East, Mrs. C. L. Carhart; North Ohio, Mrs. A. D. Knapp; Northern New York, Mrs. I. L. Hunt; Newark, Mrs. Charles Hill; Northwest Iowa, Mrs. J. P. Negus; Erie, Miss Cummings; Cincinnati, Mrs. H. G. Marshall; Oregon, Mrs. Bishop Cranston; Ohio, Mrs. D. S. Kellicott; Troy, Mrs. E. W. Simpson; Philadelphia, Mrs. M. B. Stevens; Pittsburgh, Mrs. J. W. Kinnear; Rock River, Mrs. E. B. Falley; Central Pennsylvania, Mrs. T. L. Tomkinson; Wyoming, Mrs. George B. Kulp; Wilmington, Mrs. E. L. Weldin; Virginia, Mrs. J. W. Bechtel; East Ohio, Mrs. Hickman; Central New York, Mrs. W. A. Brownell; and Vermont, Mrs. C. S. Richmond. On motion, these reports were accepted. (See Reports.)

Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff sang, by request, three verses of "When the roll is called up yonder," the audience joining in the chorus.

Mrs. Aiken stated that the shower of greenbacks which fell upon us

yesterday, had been continued this morning through Mrs. Albright, who had received pledges from the New England Conference amounting to \$180, and New England Southern \$150, for Browning Home, Camden, S. C.; also a pledge from the New England Conference to furnish the kitchen in Allen Home, Asheville, N. C.

The report of the Bureau for Supplies was submitted by the Secretary, Mrs. James Dale, and, on motion, adopted. (See Report.)

Mrs. Bishop Cranston, from the richness of her observations in the West, stated that the half had not been told in the report of the Bureau for Supplies.

Mrs. William Burris conducted the noontide service of prayer, calling our attention to the promises of God, and asking for testimonies from his children. "Children of the Heavenly King" was sung, and, by request, Mrs. Woodruff sang, in an impressive manner, "I will go where you want me to go, dear Lord," the Convention joining in the chorus. Mrs. J. C. Tasker closed the service with an impressive prayer.

On motion, adjourned until two P. M. The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. S. L. Beiler, D. D.

Wednesday Afternoon.

THE meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Fisk. Mrs. D. C. Vance had charge of the devotional exercises, reading the third chapter of Ephesians. The desire of the body, as it approached the business of the afternoon, was voiced in singing "More love to Thee, O Christ."

The Minutes of the morning session were read by Mrs. Gilbert, corrected, and adopted.

By consent, the action of the morning in giving place to Conference Secretaries present, was waived, and Mrs. Kinsey was invited to read the report of Southern California Conference, Mrs. E. W. Caswell, Secretary. The report of Central Illinois Conference was read by Mrs. Elizabeth Hull; Detroit, Mrs. W. B. Pope; Genesee, Mrs. E. B. Green; Illinois, Miss Sue Heath; Michigan, Mrs. Levi Masters; Maine, Miss Isabelle Allen; and Central Ohio, Mrs. Daniel Stecker. On motion, these reports were adopted. (See Reports.)

Mrs. Bishop Cranston moved, in view of the fact that so many are obliged to leave the Convention this afternoon, that Mrs. W. M. Ampt be permitted to give her report on Mite-boxes at this stage of the meeting. Carried.

After the presentation of Mrs. Ampt's statistical report, two minutes were given for reports from the Divisional Mite-box Secretaries, Mrs. Daniel Onstott, Mrs. M. R. Lincoln, Mrs. M. H. Nason, Mrs. E. W.

Seeds, and Mrs. J. P. Negus. On motion, these reports were adopted. (See Reports.)

Upon motion of Mrs. Rust, the following resolution was adopted by a rising vote, and the Secretary was requested to forward the same to Mrs. Bishop Simpson:

WHEREAS, Our Honorary Vice-President, Mrs. Bishop Simpson, is in impaired health; therefore,

Resolved, That we extend to her an expression of our highest regard and sympathy.

Mrs. Rust presented the appended resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That the report of Mrs. May Leonard Wells as Organizer, which she did not present because of having been called away from the Convention, be printed in the Annual Report.

2. That Mrs. Williams be made Chairman of a Committee to arrange uniform terms of engagements and compensations with our Organizers.

Mrs. Carhart moved that when this Committee has prepared its report, that it be published in *Woman's Home Missions*. Adopted.

After singing "Savior, like a shepherd lead us," the meeting adjourned until 7.30 P. M., that the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields might finish its work.

Wednesday Evening.

THE closing session opened at 7.30, with the President, Mrs. Fisk, in the chair. "Just as I am, without one plea," was sung, and prayer was offered by Mrs. Secor.

On invitation of the President, Bishop Walden addressed the Convention, saying he saw much of our work in different sections of the country, and was glad to have the opportunity to express his approval of the work.

The Minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Gilbert, corrected, and adopted.

The report of Mrs. Potter as General Organizer was given, and, on motion, adopted. (See Report.)

Mrs. George H. Thompson, Chairman of the Committee on Insurance, requested permission to submit her report for publication in the Annual Report, without reading. Granted.

Mrs. Aiken moved that the report of the Committee on Bequest and Devise be referred, without reading, to the Editor of the Annual Report. Carried.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was submitted by Mrs. J. W. Campbell, and, on motion, adopted. (See Report.)

Mrs. Aiken offered the following, which, on motion, was adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention join the Recording Secretary in an expression of thanks to the Assistant Secretaries for their painstaking and efficient services in recording the proceedings of this meeting.

Mrs. Negus presented the following:

WHEREAS, The arduous duties of Mrs. Ampt as Railroad Secretary have necessitated her loss of nearly all the sessions of the Convention; and

WHEREAS, This service has been of so much benefit to the members of this Convention in securing reduced rates; therefore,

Resolved, That we extend to Mrs. Ampt a vote of hearty appreciation of her services as Railroad Secretary.

Mrs. M. T. Carey reported the amount collected on certificates for defraying the expense of the special agent as \$13.75, requesting that the excess of charges, \$2.75, be contributed to the General Fund. Report adopted.

The report of the Committee on By-laws was submitted by Mrs. Green, and, on motion of Mrs. Tomkinson, considered item by item.

Item No. 1, in regard to the division of the Bureau for East Southern States, was adopted.

No. 2, recommending that the word "eight" in Section VII, By-law 3, for Young People's Work, page 269, last Annual Report, be changed to *ten*. Adopted.

No. 3 recommended that the word "beneficiary," in By-law 8, for the Board of Trustees, page 270, be stricken out, and *scholarship* used. Adopted.

No. 4 recommended that By-law 20, on page 271, last Annual Report, under By-laws for Conference Societies, be changed to read as follows: In all cases where Conference Organizers, whose appointment has been confirmed by the Board of Trustees, are employed, the expense, which consists in traveling expenses and one dollar for each day of actual service, must be met by the Conference, if possible. An itemized bill must be given to the Conference Treasurer, and when the Conference Contingent Fund is insufficient to pay the whole of this bill, the Conference Treasurer may forward the same, indicating the amount paid thereon, to the General Treasurer, who will pay the balance. Adopted.

No. 5 recommended that the following be added, under By-laws for Auxiliaries, page 273, last Annual Report, to By-law 4: It shall also be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary, when no other person is appointed, to solicit subscriptions to *Woman's and Children's Home Missions*. Adopted.

No. 6 recommended to strike out after Auxiliaries, on page 271, last Annual Report, By-law 10, for By-laws for Conference Societies, the words "Circles and Bands," and add at the end of the present By-law as printed the words, "*in the absence of a Conference Secretary of Young People's Work she shall also receive reports from Circles and Bands.*" Adopted.

On motion, the report was adopted as a whole. (See Report.)

Mrs. Fisk stated that Mrs. John D. Slayback was unable to retain the Secretaryship of the Bureau for Immigrant Work, and therefore tendered her resignation, which, on motion, was accepted.

On nomination of the General Executive Board, Mrs. George W. Mansfield was confirmed Secretary of the Bureau for Immigrants.

Mrs. Rust nominated Dr. Ames as President of the Training-school and Superintendent of Deaconess Work. The nomination was confirmed.

Mrs. Rust stated that the Managers for the National Training-school should be nominated by the Conference Societies, and confirmed by the Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Rust also stated that it had become necessary to provide assistance for the deaconess work, and the Board of Trustees nominated Miss Harriet Bancroft to co-operate with the Secretary of the Bureau for Deaconess Work.

Mrs. Rust moved that this nomination be confirmed.

Mrs. Carhart asked if Miss Bancroft would work without salary. Mrs. Rust replied that we were not sure that she can be secured, and Mrs. Rust moved that the matter be referred to the Board of Trustees. Carried.

Mrs. Rust defined the duties of the Field Secretary, as follows: To co-operate with the Secretary of the Bureau in the establishment and supervision of Deaconess Homes and centers of work, in the assignment of deaconesses to fields of labor, in the representation of the interests of this department, and in the endeavor to secure helpful relations between the several Homes, and between the Homes and the Training-school.

It was moved and carried that the Board of Trustees be authorized to engage a Field Secretary, if Miss Bancroft can not be secured.

Mrs. Rust offered the report of the Committee appointed to investigate the work at New Orleans, and, on motion, this report was ordered published in *Woman's Home Missions*, without reading.

Mrs. Negus stated that she desired to pledge for Northwest Iowa Conference \$300, as salary for Miss Gibson in the Italian work in New Orleans.

On motion of Mrs. Thompson, it was resolved to distribute the few remaining photographs among the Industrial Homes.

Mrs. Albright, Chairman of the Press Committee, reported that the proceedings of the Convention up to Sunday had been sent to all official and semi-official papers, and that those of the remaining days would be sent at the close of the Convention. Accepted.

Mrs. Negus asked for information, "Which is correct, Executive Board or Board of Trustees?"

Mrs. Rust explained that the Woman's Home Missionary Society holds its charter under the laws of the State of Ohio, which specify that the members of a corporation not for profit, shall meet annually and elect a Board of Trustees, and that a majority of said Board shall constitute a quorum. From the moment that the Society accepted its charter

the General Executive Board became the Board of Trustees, and eleven, not seven, its quorum.

Mrs. Alspaugh's petition, through Mrs. Negus, to open work for the Bohemians in East and West Cedar Rapids, was referred to the Board of Trustees.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields was presented by the Chairman, Mrs. Williams, and, on motion, adopted. (See Report.)

Mrs. Tomkinson moved that the resolutions in the report of the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields be printed in *Woman's Home Missions*. Carried.

The recommendations from the Auditing Committee, referred to the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields, which were not considered because of lack of time, were, on motion, referred to the Board of Trustees.

By request of Mrs. Trisler, Mrs. Frost spoke on the subject of Reading Circles.

A communication from Bishop Stevens, of the Reformed Episcopal Church, on Sabbath Observance, was referred to a Committee, of which Mrs. Albright was made Chairman.

Mrs. Frost presented a plan for itinerary for Mrs. Miller, which was accepted.

Mrs. Rust called attention to the note on page 276, last Annual Report, in regard to sending notice promptly to the Corresponding Secretary of the Society of all bequests and devises.

On motion of Mrs. Potter, Mrs. Rust, Mrs. Fisk, and Mrs. Albright were constituted a Committee to present the appropriations to the Missionary Committee.

On motion, the unfinished business of the Convention was referred to the Board of Trustees.

The Minutes of the closing session were read by Mrs. Albright, and, on motion, adopted.

There was a quiet heart-to-heart talk by Mrs. Fisk to the earnest women who constituted this Convention, and an expression of gratitude to God for the peace and harmony that had characterized its deliberations, with the parting injunction to be strong, courageous, and more consecrated than ever before to this service.

Bishop Walden invoked God's blessing upon the service and love put upon the altar, and prayed that the Holy Spirit might come to every heart, to give inspiration to go out with enthusiasm and hope in the fields of work that have been so graciously opened to the Society.

"My faith looks up to Thee" was sung, and, on motion, the meeting adjourned, the Rev. C. H. Richardson, D. D., pronouncing the benediction.

Baltimore—"like unto the Celestial City"—with a spiritual atmosphere pervading its homes of Christian culture and refinement, will linger

in the memory as a synonym for delightful hospitality, gracefully dispensed, not only in the homes, but also by the various Churches, which so bountifully ministered day by day to the body and spirit, under the efficient chairmanship of Mrs. John Neff and her *corps* of gracious workers.

MRS. F. A. AIKEN, RECORDING SECRETARY.

MRS. E. L. ALBRIGHT,	}	<i>Assistants.</i>
MRS. B. S. POTTER,		
MISS MARTHA VAN METER,		
MRS. MAY L. WOODRUFF,		
MRS. J. E. GILBERT,		

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY,

MRS. R. S. RUST.

ON account of severe illness, I was not able to attend the last session of the General Board of Managers, but with determined effort prepared and submitted the Annual Report. I appear before you this morning, hoping to be able to participate in the business of the Convention, although the state of my health has been such that I could not prepare a report which, in my judgment, would meet the demands of the hour. My physician prohibited the effort required in collecting and arranging statistics, and in preparing facts and arguments to represent the present needs and conditions of the missionary cause in this country. I am now somewhat improved in health, and take great pleasure in presenting a brief review of the important events of the year, and in offering a few suggestions for improving our methods of work, and for increasing its influence and usefulness.

REVIEW.

We have received numerous evidences of Divine favor during the past year. The several departments of work have been well sustained, as will appear in the submitted reports of the Bureau Secretaries. The report on Devise will show an increased number of bequests for our Society. A new and beautiful edifice has been erected, in a pleasant location, for the school at Asheville, N. C. Necessary repairs and improvements have been made in our mission buildings in many places. The Rest Home, at Ocean Grove, which, in a rented building, has furnished our missionaries and deaconesses a delightful summer resting-place the past two years, has been made permanent by the generous donation of \$1,000 by Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson and her sister, Miss Hariett Bancroft. This gift carries out the wish of their sainted mother, and the Rest Home will bear the honored family name of Bancroft.

ALASKA.—Our mission here has been strengthened by additional buildings. The opening of missionary work by our Society was approved by the General Board of Managers in 1887, and the mission at Unga was established. Work was commenced at Unalaska in 1889. Learning that the Missionary Committee, to which our appropriations must be submitted, might not sanction this, the President and Corresponding Secretary were appointed to personally solicit approval. But the way did not seem clear for the Missionary Society to provide for the necessary co-operation, and the request was not granted. This decision being made

in November, and the missionaries being in the field, they could not be recalled until the opening of navigation, the following May.

The increased interest in Alaska, stimulated by the opening of gold-fields and the dissemination of information, made it seem advisable the next year to again petition the Missionary Society in this behalf. The Corresponding Secretary, in her report to the General Board of Managers, recommended that "a conditional appropriation for Alaska be made at the Annual Meeting, and that a Committee be appointed to confer with the Missionary Committee, and present a recommendation that Unalaska and Unga be attached to a Pacific Coast Conference, that a minister be appointed to this circuit, and that the buildings of the Society be utilized for missionary purposes." The same officers were authorized to bear this message. After careful consideration, the Missionary Committee that year, 1893, approved the appropriation made, and of the continuance of work in Alaska. The Oregon Conference, at its session October, 1897, extended its jurisdiction over Alaska, and appointed a presiding elder to that field. The Missionary Committee, at its meeting in Brooklyn, November, 1897, indorsed the action, and made an appropriation of \$1,000 to this field. Thus the hope of the Society, expressed in the petition for the approval by the Church of this mission, has been realized.

NEW ORLEANS.—The burning of Peck Home, early in the year, necessitated a modification of the plan of work in that city. The university kindly opened its doors to our missionaries and students. Instruction in sewing, drafting of garments, dressmaking, millinery, etc., was continued in the college building. House-to-house visitation, industrial classes, and Mothers' Meetings were satisfactorily provided for in connection with the Churches.

In May, we visited and personally investigated the conditions in New Orleans, and the opportunities for missionary work, and were convinced that the way is now open, with assurance of cordial co-operation on the part of the people, for the establishment of a polytechnic institution, which will provide advanced instruction in various industries for women, including cooking and housekeeping service. We recommend that such an institution be located as near as possible to the university, so that its students and others may profit by its opportunities. We advise that, in association with and supplementary to it, the industrial classes be continued in the several Churches. Through these it will keep in touch with the people, whose interest will be enlisted in behalf of the objects of the polytechnic institution.

MISSION AT NASHVILLE.—We visited Nashville in company of Mrs. H. C. Hedges, the Secretary of the Bureau. By mutual agreement in behalf of the Southern work, several years ago, the Freedmen's Aid Society arranged to provide for education in books, and the Woman's Home Missionary Society in industries. The advanced students in the several colleges were to be placed in our Industrial Homes. In harmony with

this plan, we have established sixteen Model Homes in connection with schools of a high grade.

The Central Tennessee College offers, with its hundreds of pupils, a fine co-operating agency. Two missionaries employed by the Society in 1880 were sent here, and labored successfully for several years. The work was continued for a time by the Freedmen's Aid Society. The property adjoining the campus of the university, which was tendered us at that time, and is well adapted to the object, is again offered us free of expense. The same generous friend who donated the Home has placed in our treasury, for the aid of the work, a considerable sum of money, and we recommend that, as soon as practicable, the mission here be reopened.

EXHIBIT AT NASHVILLE.—Several of our Homes were well represented in the Exposition at Nashville. Our exhibition was highly favored with a conspicuous location in the building, and it reflected great credit upon the colored people. The managers of the Exposition sent us a communication highly commendatory of the exhibits of our industrial Homes, classing them as "among the most interesting in the building," and as "commanding the distinguished attention of visitors."

ARBITRATION.—No event of the year is of more far-reaching importance than the movement to secure that questions of claims in the settlement of bequests between the Missionary Societies of the Church shall be decided by arbitration rather than by appeal to the courts. Many persons, in writing their wills, fail to give the full name of our Society. It is so customary to speak of it as the "Home Missionary Society," to distinguish it from the Parent Society and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, that this form of expression is frequently used by testators in writing wills. Fortunately, in most cases there are circumstances or conditions named, which clearly indicate the intention of the donor.

A test case was one in Illinois, where the bequest was made to the "Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church." This was claimed by the Missionary Society. The executors referred it to the Court of Chancery, which decided that the Woman's Home Missionary Society is the Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Appeal was made by the Missionary Society, and the Appellate Court reversed the decision of the Court of Chancery. In the meantime important evidence was discovered, indicating that the testatrix evidently meant the Woman's Home Missionary Society. We waived our right to appeal to a higher court, and submitted the evidence to the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society, and asked that the question be referred to a Committee of Arbitration, to be agreed upon by the two Societies, in order that we might save the expense of court proceedings, and avoid the discouraging effect of expending missionary funds in legal contests. Our request was granted, and the case will be decided at an early day by arbitration. We feel that the *intention of the donor*, whatever

may be the ambiguities of expression, should determine the case, and the necessary facts may, in most cases, easily be discovered by a friendly conference of arbitrators. In order to avoid these misunderstandings, we urge all who may wish to make bequests in favor of our Society to use the legal name, "*The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.*"

SUGGESTIONS.

The Deaconess Bureau, established nine years ago, has become an important department, with over \$200,000 invested in Homes. It has nearly two hundred deaconesses in active service. The way is now prepared for the establishment of additional Homes under its auspices, and many pastors appeal to the Society for deaconess helpers. The growth of the work is seriously retarded by the difficulty of obtaining a sufficient number of thoroughly-trained deaconesses.

First. We recommend that the special effort of the Society be given to the enlargement of the Training-school at Washington. The demands of the field make this extension a necessity. Donations of money for this object justified the Board of Trustees in an effort to secure additional ground, preparatory to the erection of the contemplated building, contributions for which should now be solicited.

Second. The present site was provided by the generous donation of Mr. William Nash, who wisely secured in the deed by which he transferred the property to the Society, that in case it should become apparent that the interests of the school should ever require a change of location, the property might be sold, and the proceeds devoted to the establishment of an institution of like character within the District of Columbia. We recommend that, in case the present site can not be enlarged so as to meet its necessities, steps be taken to effect a change in locality and the sale of the present property.

Third. The charter of the Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school provides that there shall be a Manager within the bounds of each Annual Conference, nominated by the Conference Society, and elected by the General Board of Managers, whose duty it shall be to select candidates for missionary training, obtain scholarships and funds in its behalf, and in various other ways labor for the advancement of this interest. This relation of the General Society to the Training-school secures interested co-operation in the selection and preparation of missionaries throughout the United States. The terms of incorporation provide that its Board of Management shall be elected by the General Board. Sibley Hospital, associated with the school, facilitates the training of nurses; and other features are provided for satisfactorily on the present site, but the accommodations there are not adequate to the numbers that should be in training. In the larger and more comprehensive institution contemplated, the features of training provided for now may assume the proportions of Departments of Work, with distinct individuality,—as, Bible

School, Domestic Science, Social Science, Nurse Training, Kindergarten, etc.

Fourth. The President of the Training-school is also Superintendent of Deaconess Work, by the provisions of the By-law defining the duties of this officer. The enlargement of the enterprise will make it necessary for him to devote his time to the school. The success of our deaconess work necessitates the employment of an agent for the field work. This department has reached such proportions, that the Secretary of the Bureau must have the assistance of a competent person to aid in its representation and supervision, and we recommend the election of a Field Secretary, whose duty it shall be to co-operate with the Secretary of the Bureau in promoting the general interests of the work, and in securing helpful relations between the several Deaconess Homes, and between them and the National Training-school at Washington.

Fifth. We have referred to the fact that several of our Deaconess Homes are endeavoring, with praiseworthy energy, to aid by furnishing instruction in missionary methods; but this is done at great disadvantage and expense. The systematic study required for mental discipline, and a definite knowledge of the Holy Scriptures and the most successful methods of missionary work, can not be secured under the embarrassments of an ordinary Deaconess Home. A training-school of high grade must be thoroughly equipped in all its departments, and be furnished with a full corps of able instructors. Its maintenance involves heavy expense, that can only be justified where large numbers avail themselves of its advantages. That in our Home Missionary field a great variety and character of service is required, such as will furnish employment for those of varied talents and training, and that the present accommodations of the Training-school at Washington are limited, make it advisable, and we recommend the continuance, at least for the present, of the schools of preparatory grade and character in connection with our Deaconess Homes. These may have the relation to the Training-school proper that the common school bears to the college.

Sixth. The propriety of recognizing grades of acquirement in the preparation of deaconesses and missionaries is evident, and of **providing** for them certificates of consecration that will indicate exactly the extent and character of their training. The difference in grade of preparation may be as wide as that between the common school and the college course of study and of training. To this end, we recommend that our bishops, to whom has been delegated the duty of preparing a course of study for deaconesses and Christian workers, be petitioned to arrange a graded course, and that a corresponding certificate of qualification be provided for consecrated deaconesses. This can be arranged with reference to the natural adaptability and capability of students and the service to be rendered. One schedule can be adapted to the possibilities of the usual Deaconess Home, with its limited numbers and facilities, and another, which will require two or more years, can be arranged for the advanced course of the Training-school.

Seventh. The limitations of our treasury make it necessary to carefully discriminate in the selection of fields of labor, and we advise that the Society sustain only such enterprises as promise great usefulness at a judicious outlay of funds. It is essential that consideration be given to the question of the constituency that may be benefited by a mission. As an illustration: A Home located where the race population within sixty miles is forty thousand, which enrolls only twenty-five pupils, and which requires an appropriation of \$1,200, is less satisfactory in results than one with a race constituency of 410,000, which has 125 pupils, and requires an appropriation of only \$1,630. In one case the cost per pupil is about \$50; in the other, \$13.

The importance of care in selecting locations is emphasized by the fact, that a mission can hardly be so unwisely planted but that the recipients of its aid will plead earnestly for its continuance. Although it may be evident that the necessary funds for the support of a given mission could be more profitably expended in another field, where larger harvests might be garnered, it is almost impossible to secure from the managers unanimity in a proposition for change, or for the abandonment of a mission once entered upon. And yet, if in a careful review of our work any enterprise is found to cost too much for the good accomplished, and there is no speedy prospect of improvement, we submit that it would be judicious to transfer the required appropriation to some one of our institutions doing first-class work for the Church, upon more economical terms. In following the example of the brethren in good work, we must not fall into the error of incurring debt in the management of our missions, and in conducting our business.

Eighth. With the work inaugurated by the Society, so comprehensive, extending all over our beloved country, taxing to the utmost our collections and resources, great caution and wisdom must be employed in appropriating our funds, and in selecting our fields of labor. That God has honored our Society by crowning its efforts with such marked success, and that the Church has responded so liberally to our appeals by intrusting to the Society, within seventeen years, an aggregate of about \$2,500,000, place upon its Managers an obligation to continue to use the utmost economy in the expenditure of its funds, and to respond as favorably as possible to appeals for aid in behalf of needy sections and peoples. At the same time, due caution demands that in the extension and development of our work we must depend upon an increase of Home Missionary interest throughout the Church, accompanied by an increase of funds.

Ninth. INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP AND FUNDS.—Wherever the claims of Home Missions are presented and understood, a responsive interest is awakened. We have only about 2,600 Auxiliaries, while there are more than 5,000 charges in our Church where there is no Woman's Home Missionary Society, and where one could be successfully established and maintained. In many Conferences a large proportion of even the most intelligent ministers have no true conception of what the Woman's Home Missionary Society has done, and is doing. When they realize the

claims of the Home field, and learn that our Society has expended \$1,450,000 in cash, and has sent to the needy ministers on the frontiers about \$750,000 worth of supplies, that hundreds of these men and their families have been enabled to continue in the field by this timely help from our Society, they become interested, and earnestly co-operate in the establishment of Auxiliaries.

We submit that it will be a wise expenditure of funds to send competent organizers to enlist the sympathy and co-operation of ministers and congregations in this good cause. It is mistaken policy and a fearful disregard of urgent duty to neglect the opportunity of extending our organization, and of enlisting the women of Methodism in behalf of this cause. The merchant and the manufacturer once remained quietly in their establishments, and customers sought them out and purchased their wares. Business is now conducted by very different methods, and it pays to send an agent to find a customer. The Church may profitably adopt business methods in representing its work. The other benevolent agencies employ able and eloquent speakers to aid the ten thousand commissioned pastors in awakening interest and in providing funds for their enterprises. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has a large corps of returned missionaries, successful advocates, in the field, and almost every charge in the connection is urged by these fervent pleaders to organize in this behalf, and the Auxiliaries are stimulated by them to increased enthusiasm. These agents of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society are sustained in this work by its general treasury, which profits by the receipts in its rapidly-extending organization.

Tenth. RESPONSIBILITY.—Our Home missionaries are in the field ten months of the year. Many of the officers of the Society can not leave their homes to engage in organization. The Woman's Home Missionary Society ought not to be responsible for allowing so large a proportion of the members of the Church to remain uninformed in regard to the necessities of our Home field. The Church has intrusted this woman's work to our Society, and we are responsible to God and to the Church for the thorough organization of the women of Methodism in its behalf. We therefore recommend the selection and employment of competent women for this service, who will labor under the direction of the Conference and General Boards for the encouragement and extension of the organization, and for the general diffusion of Home Missionary intelligence in our Churches.

Eleventh. We would suggest that our officers and organizers everywhere advocate the observance, on the part of our membership, of the "tithing system," recommended in the Holy Scriptures, which is the consecration of one-tenth of our entire income to the cause of Christ. Illustrating its advantage: A small number of the members of one of the Churches in Cincinnati pledged themselves to give a tenth of their income to the support of the Church. Within two years their church-building and parsonage have been remodeled, the pastor's salary has been paid, and all their apportionments met.

Bishop McCabe says: "The title of Methodism alone would be \$80,000,000." In this view can we calculate the *debt* of Methodism to the Lord's treasury.

CONCLUSION.

We can not refrain from offering a word of commendation to those who, by consecrated effort, have achieved such grand results as shall pass in view during the progress of this Convention. Let all honor be given our excellent President, who, regardless of toil and personal comfort, has been, as nearly as possible, omnipresent in our widespread field for the aid and inspiration of the workers; to our faithful Treasurer, who has so successfully carried the burdens of our financial interests during these troublous times; to the painstaking and efficient Recording Secretary; to the gifted and enthusiastic Secretary of the Deaconess Department, burdened by responsibility and service; to the other officers and Secretaries of Bureaus, and to the devoted Conference, District, and Auxiliary officers and members, who have done what they could; whose names, many of them, never appear in the public prints, but whose deeds are recorded in heaven.

I have, by continued correspondence, and by visits in the South and elsewhere, kept myself informed in regard to this whole movement, and in touch with the missions and the workers in every department of effort, sustained by our Home Missionary Society. By constant association for seventeen years, I have become familiar with the history of its struggles in the erection of school and mission buildings; in the collection and expenditure of its funds; in the preparation and employment of its missionaries and teachers; in the increasing deaconess work and its achievements; in supplying our destitute ministers and their families in the frontiers with food and clothing; and in securing annuitants, endowments, and bequests; and I feel compelled, under the influence of these impressive facts and circumstances, to assure our women that, in my judgment, this great system of benevolent work has been wisely and economically planned and administered; and that there is no more Christ-like mission on earth, and no more self-sacrificing workers engaged in efforts to save this fallen world, than can be found among the friends of, and in the service of, the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

CONFERENCES.	No. Organiza- tions.....	MEMBERSHIP.					Life-members....	Honorary Managers	Honorary Patrons.....	Woman's Home Missions: No. Subscribers....	Children's Home Mis- sions.....
		Auxiliaries,	Mission Circles.....	Mission Bands	Mothers' Jewels.....	Home Mis- sion Read- ing Circle.					
Baltimore	67	2457	197	.....	.....	212	34	10	3	650	.....
California	33	542	117	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	217	.....
Central Alabama.....	1	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....
Central Illinois.....	6	71	80	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	45	.....
Central Missouri.....	3	43	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....
Central New York.....	87	1675	223	265	395	94	109	6	1	774	.....
Central Ohio.....	64	1127	133	70	72	49	123	10	6	420	.....
Central Pennsylvania.....	38	831	61	20	790	75	61	4	.....	269	.....
Cincinnati.....	95	1509	292	340	1222	81	375	17	.....	649	.....
Colorado.....	32	510	96	12	107	.....	47	2	.....	160	.....
Columbia River.....	5	64	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....
Des Moines.....	19	260	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	78	.....
Detroit.....	106	2299	69	50	118	6	244	35	.....	620	.....
East Maine.....	4	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
East Ohio.....	85	1795	405	182	324	6	118	10	2	427	.....
East Tennessee.....	11	120	.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....
Erie.....	73	1188	92	124	279	21	120	5	.....	501	.....
Florida.....	10	50	25	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....
Genesee.....	70	1582	155	115	175	.....	103	6	14	740	.....
Holston.....	6	95	35	22	.....	.....	1	1	2	.....	.....
Idaho.....	5	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Illinois.....	17	353	3	17	2	13	20	2	.....	140	.....
Indiana	33	897	50	157	28	3	138	3	.....	254	.....
Iowa.....	43	527	104	.....	154	.....	11	1	.....	292	.....
Kansas.....	10	266	.....	.....	15	.....	18	.....	.....	83	.....
Kentucky.....	3	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	10	.....
Lexington.....	2	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....
Little Rock.....	1	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	3	.....
Louisiana.....	12	157	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....
Maine.....	23	351	50	.....	10	.....	17	.....	.....	107	.....
Michigan.....	61	1230	108	20	24	.....	110	.....	.....	451	.....
Minnesota and North. Minnesota.	17	299	.....	.....	87	.....	37	1	.....	138	.....
Missouri.....	23	202	66	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	13	.....
Nebraska.....	29	479	37	45	44	20	24	3	.....	114	.....

Newark.....	47	1538	143	87	168	31	102	5	.....	398	.....
New England.....	103	2099	159	108	550	93	250	31	13	922	.....
New England Southern.....	38	930	67	65	52	14	58	16	.....	401	.....
New Hampshire.....	28	452	20	14	81	.....	12	4	.....	124	.....
New Jersey.....	44	1244	58	106	192	17	35	3	.....	308	.....
New Mexico Mission.....	2	67	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	30	.....
New York.....	31	1050	78	7	.....	.....	12	4	1	236	.....
New York East.....	24	587	72	72	.....	20	15	3	1	126	.....
North Indiana.....	66	1116	71	79	209	38	39	2	4	401	.....
North Nebraska.....	17	231	15	101	52	20	2	.....	.....	79	.....
North Ohio.....	67	1022	40	7	257	19	199	.....	.....	385	.....
Northern New York.....	80	1216	187	106	202	60	27	5	.....	368	.....
Northwest Indiana.....	13	372	84	12	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	121	.....
Northwest Iowa.....	90	1481	60	149	106	65	52	4	.....	500	.....
Northwest Kansas.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Northwest Nebraska.....	5	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Northern Swedish Mission	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ohio.....	50	1076	38	84	288	88	241	10	1	473	.....
Oklahoma.....	2	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oregon.....	14	122	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	72	.....	32	.....
Philadelphia.....	37	1030	107	150	52	55	161	32	5	298	.....
Pittsburg.....	63	1861	155	220	141	20	78	4	1	552	.....
Puget Sound.....	22	250	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rock River.....	45	1186	.....	.....	99	.....	125	35	11	375	.....
St. Louis.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Kansas.....	5	86	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	11	.....
Southern California.....	101	1164	301	775	.....	35	35	3	.....	296	.....
Southern Illinois.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Southwest Kansas.....	36	456	10	.....	.....	.....	46	.....	.....	185	.....
Tennessee.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Texas.....	2	42	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	8	.....
Troy.....	72	1552	222	170	1	.....	109	14	4	644	.....
Upper Iowa.....	72	1637	.....	81	149	56	213	14	3	639	.....
Upper Mississippi.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Utah Mission.....	5	130	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	.....
Vermont.....	43	411	66	33	46	.....	37	1	.....	205	.....
Virginia.....	3	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Nebraska.....	5	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	11	.....
West Texas.....	28	155	.....	12	70	.....	1	.....	.....	150	.....
West Wisconsin.....	30	349	9	22	6	.....	31	.....	3	88	.....
Wilmington.....	34	717	88	194	244	.....	9	5	.....	242	.....
Wisconsin.....	22	392	10	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	.....
Wyoming.....	49	1070	41	96	338	40	121	6	.....	358	.....
Totals.....	2476	48285	4512	4118	7203	1251	3813	387	79	10285	6720

THE UNITED STATES AS A MISSION FIELD.

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AS the great annual gathering of the Woman's Home Missionary Society brings to Baltimore the representatives of over seventy-five thousand women of Methodism, such questions as these naturally arise, "What motives have led these women to assemble?" "What reasons have induced over seventy-five thousand able, sensible, thoughtful women, as such a Church membership represents, to ally themselves in behalf of this work?" In other words, "What need is there for a Woman's Home Missionary Society?" As the representative of these women, I shall endeavor to answer some of these questions, although well aware how inadequate is the attempt of any woman to fitly express the elevated patriotism merging in the Divine love for all humanity that influences the hearts of these workers. It is in behalf of the whole world that we make our prayer, expressed by Holmes, our poet of patriotism:

"Wake in our breasts the living fires,
The holy faith that warmed our sires;
Thy hand hath made our Nation free,
To die for her is serving Thee."

To our thinking, America, our native land, is the great mission-field of the world. Its history from the beginning has set it apart as the land of the Holy Cross. When Columbus landed at San Salvador, he at once erected a rude cross, and took possession of this beautiful country in the name of his Christian sovereign. When Balboa, more than twenty years later, ascended the last slope of the central isthmus, and beheld spread before his surprised vision, the vast expanse of the Pacific Ocean, he prostrated himself in adoration, and then "caused a fair and tall tree to be cut down and hewed it into a cross," which was elevated on the spot from whence he had first beheld the sea. Still twenty years later, Ferdinand De Soto gazed upon the majestic Mississippi, and he also erected a cross from a huge pine tree, and with imposing religious ceremonies accepted the great Mississippi. A cross by the Atlantic, a cross by the Pacific, a cross at the Mississippi; most aptly was bestowed the

name yet preserved in the oldest map extant, "*Terra sanctæ Crucis*," Land of the Holy Cross.

It would seem that this land was kept in God's good providence for a great religious mission. Not until the fullness of time was its existence discovered. Some thinker has said, "God walked the coasts of America as a stern sentinel until her hour had arrived." Certain it is that wonderful changes were preparing while this continent lay hidden from the civilized world. The discovery of printing gave men access to the treasures of the past, and broadened the mental horizon. The translation of the Bible into the common vernacular of the people changed their thoughts and transformed their lives. The great Reformation awakened Europe. The early settlers came to this new country in the missionary spirit, bringing these two great thoughts, civil liberty and spiritual Christianity. Our Pilgrim Fathers, driven out of England for conscience' sake, made sturdy and strong by persecution, drew up in the cabin of the *Mayflower* the immortal compact that declared they were coming to the New World "for the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith." The same desire for civil liberty, the same spiritual love came with the French Huguenots of the Carolinas, with the Holland Dutch of New York, with the Quakers of Pennsylvania, with the Scotch-Irish Presbyterians of Maryland, and with the Baptists of Rhode Island. Our land was settled by freedom-loving, Christian men and women. God is still watching over his own. He is as truly in the history of America to-day as he was in the history of Israel of olden time. We want to be his willing instruments in the present, in order that this land may continue a Christian Nation.

The women of Methodism believe that our Republic has the qualities for leadership among nations, and that it is of vital importance that this leadership should be Christian. Shall I enumerate the characteristics that, by manifold destiny, open the way for our advance? You know them all. In the first place, we have a well-compacted territory,—not scattered and dispersed like the British Empire. Outside of Alaska, our territorial empire consists of more than three million square miles. A little incident occurred in China a few years ago, that Americans may well consider:

"At a Fourth of July dinner in Shanghai, the English Consul toasted the British flag. He said:

'Here is to the Union Jack—the flag of flags—the flag that has floated on every continent and on every sea for a thousand years—the flag on which the sun never sets!'

"It was a strong sentiment, and the Americans were a little overawed, until Eli Perkins was called to toast the Stars and Stripes. Looking into the proud faces of the Englishmen, he said:

'Here is to the Stars and Stripes of the New Republic; when the setting sun lights up her stars in Alaska, the rising sun salutes her on the rock-bound coast of Maine. It is the flag of Liberty, never lowered to any foe, and the only flag that whipped the flag on which the sun never sets!'

Does not this incident enlarge your geographical conceptions?

We have a system of rivers and lakes containing nearly one-half the fresh water of the globe, and providing well for internal commerce. Our agricultural resources are to-day making us the granary of the world. It is estimated by careful authorities that the United States could easily support one thousand million inhabitants. As it is, we are probably of all nations the one best provided with food products, and are sending our surplus to feed our hungry neighbors. Our mineral resources are practically unlimited; coal and iron in inexhaustible quantities; silver too abundant for our statesmen; and in gold productions still leading Africa and Australia, while thousands of square miles of mineral treasure yet lie untouched beneath the surface. God has dealt bountifully with this youngest of the nations. As to manufacturing supremacy, a recent English paper stated, "England has lost that to America; probably never to regain it." America has large operators, brainy workers, vast industrial plants, and it follows naturally that she is forging past the older nations, as Gladstone expresses it, "at a canter." Her facilities of transportation and of communication should be kept in mind. We have more miles of railroad than all Europe, and almost double the European mileage of telegraph system. Josiah Strong says, "Such a country, with its resources fully developed; such a race, thrice fitted to prepare the way for the full coming of the Kingdom, must, under God, control the world's future."

Politically, the influence of the United States is constantly enlarging. It is but a little over a century since our wise fathers framed our Constitution, and yet Bancroft told us in one of his latest historical studies that there is not a written constitution of Europe that has not been framed since ours, and to a greater or less extent modeled upon it. To us have these countries looked for the form of government that is consistent with the largest possible civil liberty. Are we not the "heirs of all the ages in the foremost files of time?"

We will revert to our theme, "The United States as a Mission Field." And we women of the Home Missionary Society make the farther claim that it is *the great foreign mission-field*. In God's good providence he is making our land a resort, not only for the oppressed and persecuted, but for the aspiring and the homeseekers as well. People of more than twenty-five different nationalities mingle in our citizenship, and fourteen different languages are spoken within her borders; our Methodist Episcopal Church is speaking and preaching in sixteen different languages in this country. The last census tells us that one-fourth of our population is foreign-born, and it reveals another fact of grave significance, viz.: that the percentage of increase in the native-born during the last decade is one-third smaller, while in the foreign-born it is nearly twice as large. Even in old Massachusetts, scarcely two-thirds of the population is of purely native stock. I have consulted your authorities, and learn that here in Baltimore the native born are in about the same proportion; *i. e.*, they constitute 64 per cent of the population, the foreign born 15.83

per cent, and the children of foreign-born parentage about 21 per cent. Have you not a foreign mission-field within your city?

Let us analyze the chief elements of the foreign population. The English and Scotch are in full sympathy with American institutions; the Irish, warm-hearted, impulsive, blindly loyal to Rome, are a problem in State and religious life; the Bohemians, countrymen of John Huss and Jerome of Prague,—now largely Catholics,—not easily reached, but once converted, faithful unto death; the Poles, clannish and bigoted, but yet accessible through their children; the Scandinavians, hardy and enterprising, true sons of Luther; the Italians, mostly of the peasant class, ignorant and vindictive, yet splendid material for Christian effort, as is proved in our Orphanage on the Hudson and our Mission in New Orleans. We send missionaries to Italy, and yet in our own land there are three hundred thousand Italians scarcely touched by Protestant Christianity. The Alaskans, an interesting, gentle, tractable, and capable race, but a short time our wards, and during that time pillaged and despoiled of their fur-trade to benefit rich corporations; whole villages wiped out; schools that the Russians founded, discontinued; the very food supply of the people snatched from them, as declared by Dr. Sheldon Jackson. What a shameful record for America! The Mexicans in the States on our Southern border are also to be justly counted a foreign population. Then there are the Chinese, largely from the ignorant strata, in considerable numbers in San Francisco, in Chicago, and New York, in each of which cities there are Joss-houses, with idols and pagan worship. A converted Chinaman, a man of education and refinement, was showing a friend recently through the Chinese quarter in New York, and in the course of his conversation said: "Why do you not do more for my countrymen? Convert them and send them back to China, and they would make the very best missionaries; for they not only speak the language, but they understand our people." I want to emphasize the peculiar mission opportunities we have in our land. They should be more considered, better recognized.

Outside of the Irish, Italians, and the Germans (of whom there are three millions and more), there are over two million two hundred thousand representatives of other foreign nations to which the Protestant Churches of America send missionaries. Is it for naught that we have these people, not only at our doors, but in our midst? Looking at these facts, can I be justly controverted when I say that the Woman's Home Missionary Society is capable of being the most effective foreign missionary society for the evangelization of the world? Let the women of Methodism lovingly and wisely train the young Chinese in our Mission at San Francisco; the Mexicans in our schools at Las Vegas and Albuquerque; the young Bohemians in Chicago and Baltimore; the Alaskans in our Homes at Unalaska and Unga; the Italians in our Watts de Peyster Home, and in New Orleans; and who so capable, so efficient as they to go as missionaries to their fellow-countrymen? We pay the traveling expenses

of missionaries, and rightly, to carry the gospel to heathen lands. God bless our foreign missionaries, increase their activities, and add to their means; but when the heathen come to us, paying their own traveling expenses, why do they seem so unattractive? Are they less picturesque near by, than seen through the prism of distance?

Another aspect of mission work among foreigners is to be considered, and that is that their presence places the character of our civilization at stake. We talk a great deal about the problems of our great cities, but our cities present problems because the foreign element largely centers there. The census bulletin says three-fourths of the foreign-born are found in cities. Here they segregate, maintain their own customs, language, and religion. If left to themselves, they will keep as intensely alien as though they had remained in their native homes. It will not do to meet this obvious fact by saying, "They can be Christians if they will, our Churches are open to them." We must seek them out; they will not come to us. They are kept apart and hedged in by language, religion, and family ties. It is the foreign element that is breaking down our Sabbath, giving us open theaters and open saloons on our holy day, until the hallowed sacredness of our Sabbath is, in some places, only a memory. Foreigners constitute the majority of saloon-keepers, and are the material that make possible the political "boss." It has been well said, "For the vital ends of our civilization, and ultimately for the civilization of the entire world, it is incomparably more important that we secure the Christianization of these heathen at home, than by any possibility it could be to secure the conversion of a like number abroad."

There is an additional argument that I have never heard used, yet often wondered that it could be overlooked. America supports and maintains foreign missions more largely than any other country. The Christian Church in our land, active, vigorous, and prosperous, furnishes one-third of the missionaries in foreign lands; *i. e.*, one-twelfth of the Christian population of the globe furnishes one-third the missionaries and means used in its evangelization. How can this proportion be maintained if the base of supplies, our Churches at home, become impoverished and depleted? But are the Churches in our large cities, where foreigners are massed, keeping pace in membership with the growth of the population? Certainly Methodism in New York, our chief metropolis, has not kept pace. I quote from data kindly furnished me by the Secretary of the New York City Extension and Missionary Society: "Within the limits of New York City proper, the gain in population from 1865, for thirty years, was 86 per cent. The gain of Methodist membership has been 56 per cent. In this same period, the distinctly anti-Protestant constituent population, including the Hebrews and the Roman Catholics, has increased more than 200 per cent, so that they are more than half the population of the city. In the present city of New York our entire membership in 1897 is 16,228 members." The whole burden of our benevolences, local demands and the support of Churches, rests upon this very small

number of the population. How about Baltimore, this cradle of Methodism? In 1887 there were in Baltimore 12,744 Methodists in full membership; in 1896 (the latest statistics I could obtain), there were 14,778, indicating an annual increase of about one and three-fifths per cent; no-wise equaling the growth of the population.

Now, it would seem to me that the law of self-preservation would naturally lead our pastors to foster and cherish the home missionary field. In this way they would strengthen the hold of the Church on the unchurched masses. They would increase their influence, their means, their membership. If a Church would be strong it must contain members, and more members. But do our pastors feel this responsibility? Some do; especially those who are familiar with the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and its value to the Church. But there are Churches in Methodism where there is no Auxiliary in this Society; and in such places the pastors have not been quick to recognize its worth. Out of a membership of two and one-half millions, the Woman's Home Missionary Society has a membership of about seventy-five thousand. Out of fifteen thousand charges, it has two thousand five hundred local Auxiliaries; far from having obtained the ideal condition of an Auxiliary in every Church. Then, too, women constitute two-thirds of the membership of Methodism. Suppose the latent force of these women, now largely lying inert, were but developed. The world is courting their power and influence. Women are invited to join clubs, to fill places on boards of authority, to act as directors of philanthropic associations. There is no woman of education and experience but who has unlimited opportunities and ways in which to use her activity. Would it not be wise for our Church to strengthen the influence of our women societies, and occupy all the faculties and forces of the women members within its boundary? Woman has power; power of sympathy, insight, and influence. The Catholic Church recognizes this, and opens peculiar fields, even as with Miss Catherine Drexel, to create a special service for her activities. How wise to use the mighty dynamics of woman's power! So I would say, let the Methodist Episcopal Church cherish the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and aid it in its loyal desire to reach every woman in every Church. It is worth your while; our work should commend us. What are we doing? Giving the colored girls of the South an opportunity for household training to fit them to become helpful wives and wise mothers; giving them an education to enable them to earn an honest livelihood; or to become teachers of their people; or to be ready to fill places as superintendents of schools, and other positions of responsibility, such as many of our students are filling. What are we doing? Rescuing the Chinese girls in our mission at San Francisco, where exists, according to the statement of the *North American Review*, "as black a slave-market as any the world has ever seen." In America, "the land of the free," Chinese women and girls are still bought and sold and condemned to a life of shame, and it is the Methodist and Presbyterian Mis-

sions of San Francisco that have exposed this infamy. What are we doing? Meeting the immigrant girls as they land at our ports, sheltering them, providing them work, and saving them to goodness; teaching the Indian boys and girls; the Mexicans in our border States; Americanizing and Christianizing the children of foreigners in our great cities; taking the girls of Alaska into our Jesse Lee Home, teaching them not only earthly knowledge, but purity and the love of Christ; caring for our ministers heroically preaching the gospel amid frontier hardships, giving them garments and providing them books; building missions, maintaining deaconesses in our cities; maintaining other benevolent institutions. What gracious work that Christian women can undertake for their more unfortunate and sorrowing sisters in America is there that, in some form or another, the Woman's Home Missionary Society is not striving to accomplish?

There is another reason why the United States of America is an ideal mission-field. Our land is as yet sparsely settled, with many characteristics of a new and crude civilization, a civilization that is yet in the formative stage, easily molded and influenced. What is done in the present will act powerfully in determining future conditions of life for long years to come. This consideration shows that we are living in a rare period for mission work, and have a rare field, especially in the States of the far West. Those States that, according to Munhall, the famous English statistician, are the swiftest accumulators of wealth in the world. Most of them have sprung into existence since 1860, yet they possess more miles of railway than any European State except France or Germany, and the value of precious metals produced since 1890 exceed any previously produced by any country in the history of mankind. "In whatever aspect we may view the Pacific States, their progress must appear marvelous." This progress has occurred in a generation's lifetime. Look forward and try to imagine what the future holds, and then you will value the present moment.

In foreign lands we must first tear down before we build up; we must combat old errors by new truths. Here is virgin soil of opportunity. As you stand on the great plains of the new States of the West, and watch the purple and golden shadows of sunset transforming the bold, precipitous, rocky formations into castellated towns and fortifications, you can almost hear the tramp of the oncoming millions who shall yet cause this wilderness to blossom as the rose. I do not believe any earnest, consecrated woman, with a full sense of her responsibility to God for the right use of her time and talents, can weigh these arguments and not say, "I, too, will join in this work," as did the Jews of old when they builded each one over against his own house. Shall we, the women of Methodism, representing two-thirds of the membership of our great denomination, sit safe and secure in quiet homes, shielded and tenderly guarded from the difficulties and the turmoil, sharing neither the work nor the opportunities of these eventful, closing years of the nineteenth

century? God forbid! There may be those who sit at ease; who doubt the power of Christian effort; who have no vision to see the needs and share the hopes of this great era. We are not of them. The dying epilogue of Robert Browning expresses well our aspirations. Like him, we have naught in common with "the slothful, the mawkish." Like him, we have tried to walk in the footsteps of

"One who never turned his back, but marched breast forward,
Never doubted clouds would break,
Never dreamed, though right were worsted, wrong would triumph."

So we present to you some of the considerations that have influenced the women of Methodism to found the Woman's Home Missionary Society. This is not an old Society, but rather the youngest of the seven great connectional organizations of the Church. Our history carries us back only about seventeen years last June, when some elect women, called together by Elizabeth L. Rust, our honored founder, and yet our beloved Secretary, laid the foundations of our Society. The germ thus planted has become a strong, beautiful organization, young still, but in vigorous growth, and already shadowing forth what it will become in future years. The first money contributed was a gold coin, five dollars in value, sent by that blessed saint, the mother of Bishop Gilbert Haven. The money contributed the last fiscal year of 1896-1897, amounted to \$182,216.30, while in supplies sent to our heroic missionaries in the frontier States there was \$70,684.50, making a total of over \$210,000 contributed during the last year. Let me present in a few crude statistics some hints of what has been accomplished:

Seventeen years ago we had but a handful of members; to-day we number seventy-five thousand, and are one of the seven great connectional organizations of the Church. Seventeen years ago we had no money; since that time \$1,500,000 cash and \$740,500 in supplies have been collected and carefully disbursed. Seventeen years ago we had no missionaries, no deaconesses; to-day we have 85 missionaries in the field, and about 185 deaconesses at work or in training. Seventeen years ago we had no schools nor missions; to-day we have 13 schools of academic training, 21 Industrial Homes, 4 Immigrant Homes, about 20 Deaconess Homes, 3 Orphanages, a National Training-school for deaconesses and missionaries, a hospital, as also excellent buildings in Cincinnati and Chicago for city mission work, and a Rest Home for missionaries and deaconesses at Ocean Grove. During this time we have trained in the Industrial Homes over 2,000 girls, while over 8,000 have been taught in our schools, besides the larger classes trained in Homes allied with the Freedmen's Aid Society. To-day we have \$70,000 in Orphanage property, \$145,000 in the South, \$17,000 in Utah, \$9,000 on the Pacific Coast and Alaska, \$15,000 in New Mexico and Arizona; over \$180,000 in Deaconess Homes; a total of about half a million. These are a few of the bare statistics of the work of the Society during seventeen years.

Quite recently I had an opportunity of witnessing a scientific demonstration, that a million dollars could not have procured me five years ago. I held my hand between a transparent glass and an instrument through which passed a powerful current of electricity, acting on certain substances; the rays so induced passing through, caused me to see distinctly the articulations of the bones. The wonderful Roentgen rays unveiled the structure of my frame to myself. If there were a contrary process I could employ, I would clothe the framework of these statistics with the generous deeds, the hard, self-denying labors and consecrated devotion of our missionaries, of the thousands of quiet workers and of our devoted leaders; then you could understand what these statistics mean. I can not interpret them. It would require words wet with tears, pleading prayers, and songs of praise, rising in a magnificent symphony upward to the throne of God.

Consider but one branch of service of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and see what mighty possibilities it contains. I refer to our Deaconess Work.

It is not yet a decade since the Methodist Episcopal Church gave ecclesiastical sanction to the woman-worker known as a deaconess, but the advantages of her labor are daily becoming more evident to the rank and file of the Church. It is seen that she is well fitted to become a helper in all branches of our Church administration, while being especially well fitted to act as a missionary of Christ in reaching the neglected classes in large cities. The cities include more than one-half the needy and neglected population of the country; so it is becoming evident they are the most important mission-field in our country. If we can convert the cities, we can convert the world.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society has proved its fitness for the care of the deaconess work by the economy and success that have attended its management. It can legitimately appropriate its funds for the establishment and maintenance of Deaconess Homes, because the Society was organized for the home field. There are many thinkers in the Church who believe that the deaconess work is best provided for by giving it into the care of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in foreign lands, and to the Woman's Home Missionary Society in home lands. The action of the General Conference in 1896, in formally recognizing that the WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY was entirely in its sphere in founding and maintaining Deaconess Homes, has greatly strengthened our work. God has blessed this work in connection with us. We have over 20 Deaconess Homes, five or six centers of separate work, and over twice as many trained workers as are employed in all other fields of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and over two-fifths of the entire property of the Society is invested in Deaconess Homes. The immense labor that it has cost to provide for this large extension of the work is but little appreciated by even those of our Society who are in close contact with its active working, so quietly has the development of the cause proceeded.

It is bound to become still more important to the Woman's Home Missionary Society. At the present moment the Society is being importuned for workers, and for the establishment of Homes in eight or ten different cities that have not yet been entered by any form of deaconess work. Some members of the Society formerly had fears lest the deaconess work of the Society should interfere with the general work; but it has been clearly proven "that there is that scattereth and yet increaseth," for in the Conferences where Deaconess Homes have been maintained, we have greatly enlarged the general strength of the Society in other work, while in Conferences where Homes independent of the Society are located, the work of the Society has made no such advance. It should be kept in mind that the deaconess work is one that largely obtains local support, and so the Society meets the end for which it was organized most effectively, by awakening the interests of those in immediate contact with the practical work of Deaconess Homes. In truth, the expense of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the deaconess work is far less than that of even the smallest Bureau of its work, in any other direction. We are thankful to God for the blessing that has accompanied this work; we pray for his grace and wisdom to rest upon us in developing its extension.

There is another aspect in which the deaconess work must appeal to all lovers of mankind. It is a great sociological factor in the confused, disturbed condition of the present day. What is a deaconess? Only a Christian woman giving herself unreservedly to ministrations to humanity, "For the love of Christ, and in His Name." As a nurse deaconess or as a visiting deaconess, she enters the abodes of poverty and want as a familiar friend, and "as one that serveth." She comes at an opportune time. The great questions of the day are social questions affecting the relation of man to man. There is no thoughtful, loving soul who looks about at the hardships and inequalities of our present life, but secretly echoes the words of Dean Stanley when he said, "I long for the time to come when every man born into the world shall have a fair chance to become a scholar, a gentleman, and a Christian." Everywhere the thoughts of men are occupied with social dangers that many believe will usher in a new era. These questions pervade the fiction of the time. The novels that people are talking of are sociological novels. Hall Caine's "Christian," Bellamy's "Equality," and that noble conception of Mrs. Phelps-Ward, "A Singular Life," in one phase or another treat of social regeneration. Certainly this is a time for Christ's Church to come with new help for new needs. This we believe our deaconesses furnish. Self-sacrifice is the proof of love, and love touches humanity, and so our deaconesses interpret Christ's love to men and women, who often are strangers to our Churches.

The Secretary of the City Charities' Organization of New York says: "I regard deaconesses as the best intermediaries between our Society and its beneficiaries; they are the best workers among the masses." Our Church largely enlists as its members the well-to-do, the intelligent, and

the moral; the deaconess comes in loving sympathy to the poorest and most degraded, and the vicious; and so, loving my race and desiring to share in its social regeneration, as well as its future happiness, I delight in deaconess service. I never visit our Homes and watch their ministrations, as day by day these quiet-clad women pass in and out,

“But I think of the blessed countenance
Of One who walked by lane and field,
And with voice and look the suffering healed.
Still, where the cities’ woes are thick,
The dear Christ-spirit heals the sick;
And yet he lives in the hearts of men,
And sends his angels with speed again
Wherever the weary plod and fall,
His care and tenderness over all.”

As time forbids more, I have nearly finished the task I set myself to do. I have placed before you, in outline sketches only, the causes that have led to the formation of this Society of Christian women. Much has been left unsaid. I have not dwelt upon the discouragements that stand before us. At times, as we look about us, the task seems too great for our faith. Has the power of the liquor-traffic diminished? Are the Churches exercising as much influence in the great cities as are the saloons? Are not wealth and luxury causing us to forget that he who would follow Christ must take up his cross and deny himself? Are the great masses of men, the masses of voters, who are to determine our future, fully in sympathy with the best Christian civilization? These are the questions that disclose our perils. We have but to look backward, however, to the years that have passed, to see that the world is advancing. Abuses and wrongs have been overcome. Humanity is marching onward, “and where the vanguard camps to-day, the rear-guard camps to-morrow.” The Spirit of the Lord is with us. “Lord, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many or with them that have no power.” It is his strength that makes his children strong and hopeful, that gives them vision to pierce the darkness of the present, and to look forward to that glad consummation of which poets have sung, which prophets have foreseen, and which true and noble souls the world over have hoped for and worked for,—the coming of Christ’s Kingdom. Thank God, the darkness does not deepen! We are not the children of the night, but of the day! Let our hearts be filled with courage and hope, for

“Out of the shadow of night
The world moves into light;
It is daybreak everywhere.”

THE TITHING SYSTEM BASAL WITH MANKIND.

BY MRS. H. C. McCABE.

Mrs. McCabe prefaced her paper on the "Tithing System" with the following preamble and resolution.—ED.

"Since the Word of God is an unerring and all-sufficient guide, not only in the spiritual upbuilding of his kingdom, but also furnishes a system of finance, which has never failed to prove sufficient for all the material expenses also, and since we have tried our own methods of finance and have found them entirely inadequate; therefore,

"Resolved, That we suggest, as a business measure, that the Society avail itself of the financial system of its own Lord and Master, whose work we are prosecuting, because this system promises to us more money 'than we can receive.'"

"AND the city lieth foursquare." Of this glorious city which John saw in vision, we read in the last book of the Bible.

In Genesis, the first book of the Bible, we find another foursquare structure, and as we catch a glimpse of it, it might seem "the baseless fabric of a dream;" but looking into it, we find it to be the immutable foundation laid by God himself, the foundation of human society, which reappears in the heavenly city perfected and glorified in the Book of Revelation.

When the work of creation rose toward completion, and plant life and animal life covered the earth with beauty and interest, then God made man: "In the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." All things were ready for the great work of human development.

Is it only imagination to say that the first corner of the foursquare foundation of human society, laid in Eden, is *marriage*, a social tie, binding the race together, insuring its perpetuity, and instituting the family? Immediately we find a second corner, and it is *Labor*. For God said to man, speaking of the earth with its vegetation and its animals, "Subdue it," and "have dominion" over every living thing that moveth upon the earth." Dominion comes by labor. He that is greatest of all is the servant of all. If you want dominion, work. Labor was ordained, then, before man fell, and very likely in the Bible is the law which will settle the labor question of to-day. By labor, God bound man to the lower creation, creating the tie of dominion, as marriage, binding men together, was a social tie instituting the family. A little further on we find a third corner, and that is *Rest*—the Sabbath in which man turns from the multiplied works of God to God himself, thus revitalizing soul and body. This was a spiritual tie binding the race back to God, that man might not forget God by unbroken interest in his works.

The fourth was the one the world has ever considered all important—*Finance*. Yes, finance in Eden. Where people and labor are, demand and production, there must be some sort of finance, and all will agree that

no system of society could be framed and finance omitted. If MAN were to lay the foundations of human society, he would likely make finance the first corner of the structure, so important does history show finance to have been to mankind. Is it any more fanciful than any other view to say that when God commanded man, and said he might eat of all the trees of the garden but one, which he reserved, that he there began a financial system? We invest it with myth and allegory. No one yet has been able to be quite clear about it, only as we take the simple words, and tell our children that Adam took God's apple, which he commanded he should not. All these trees you may have, God said, and I will keep one. Thus did not God make himself a partner with man in material things? For trees are certainly material. This bound God and man together delightfully in the material tie of property partnership. It brought God into the workaday life of man. Six thousand years have flown away, but there are those who know, by experience, what this delightful partnership with God is, in the matter of money-making and material things.

Now this is the way the Divine heart of love and wisdom ordered life for man in the beginning. It was for the whole race, and for all time. We find the foundations in Genesis; the perfected and glorious outcome in the city of Revelation described by John. (Revelation xxi, 16.) Man fell, and these four primeval institutions felt the fall. Imperfect and mutilated, they still survive among all peoples. The traditions of Eden were ready to perish. If left to the general race, would they not utterly disappear? For has it not been said, "What is everybody's business is nobody's business?"

Therefore God ordained a nation of one family, to whom he committed these institutions, that they might be preserved for the welfare of mankind. He thus emphasized them. He intrenched them between the Ebal and Gerizim of blessing and penalty. He set them vividly before the world, that in this chosen nation their excellence might be illustrated. On the stream of time they were thus caught up, surrounded by a chain of law and statutes, in order that God's original plan might not be lost, but reflected into our future.

I have dwelt thus at length upon God's plan for the whole human race, in order to meet the objection commonly made to the "tithing system" of finance—that is, setting apart one-tenth of our property for religious purposes.

The objection is, that it is a Jewish observance, which has been abrogated by the Christian dispensation. That is a mistake.

It was not the primeval institutions of Marriage, of Labor, of the Sabbath, of the Tenth, all of which are absolutely essential to man's welfare, indeed a part of his nature, that were abolished by the new dispensation. Neither these nor the Decalogue were abrogated. It was only the shadowy rites and ceremonial law which were to end with the old dispensation, and which has ended forever.

With regard to the origin of the Tenth, as the proportion of our property which we are to consider not our own, but God's, we do not find a record of that proportion until the time of Abraham. But do we not find the principle in Eden, in the claiming of one tree by the Lord? Plainly, here is the principle of setting apart the Lord's portion. At what date the Tenth was adopted as the sufficient proportion, by no research has it been found. It is lost in the mists of antiquity. But we find in these mists that the custom of setting apart the Tenth for religious purposes was universal. Ages before there was a Jew, a prince of Chaldea gave a tenth of the spoils of the battle to a "priest of the most high God," a recognized type of Christ. (See Genesis xiv, 20.) There is record of a Syrian, "ready to perish," who promised the Lord to set apart his Tenth if the Lord would be with him and help him. (See Genesis xxviii, 20, 21, 22.)

These early records of the Tenth, as the customary ratio of property devoted to the Deity, found in our Scriptures, correspond with such records among all great nations of antiquity.

Having proved by ancient records that the Tenth was universally observed, and is the common inheritance of the race, shall we not believe that the fact of God's having enjoined its observance upon his chosen people is not so much an objection as a good reason for its observance by Christians of to-day, since it is one of the four institutions which proved a multiplied blessing to mankind?

Investigating the workings of the law of the Tenth, we find they show the wisdom of God. The Tenth proves itself to be the greatest of the "lost arts;" for it is practically one of them.

Almost without exception those who adopt the Tenth come back with a joyful testimony. The Churches which have adopted it, as Wesley Chapel has done in Cincinnati, find there is always "meat in the Lord's house." The expenses are all met, the collections all taken, the missionary collections—home, foreign, and city—exceed the tax, and money lies in the treasury; there is "meat in the Lord's house." This law of the Lord is perfect; perfect in method, perfect in result. Just like the Lord, in all he does.

INJUSTICE.

Another objection sometimes heard is, that the law of the Tenth is unjust, in that a man with a small income could not set apart the Tenth without inconvenience. A man with an income of \$10,000 would scarcely feel like giving a thousand, while fifty dollars would be seriously felt by one whose income is only \$500.

We answer: it is a tax which treats all alike, gives all the dignity of citizenship and partnership, and since God is the Author, it can not be unjust. Our civil taxes do not discriminate, and their justice is unquestioned. Then a peculiar blessing is found to rest upon the nine-tenths, if we credit the best testimony.

ANOTHER OBJECTION

is, and it is quite different from the last, that the Tenth is too small a ratio. It is not in keeping with the largeness, the abounding fullness of the gospel dispensation. "All, all we owe. All is Christ's." These liberal hearts will say, they can not tell exactly, but they know their gifts exceed the Tenth. They think the law of the Tenth unworthy of them.

This is certainly a mistake. For if all expenses are met, all benevolences sustained, when the Tenth is the method, and if they are not met, are not sustained, when the Tenth is not observed, then we see God's wisdom is greater than ours. If all would give as some do, *very well*. But what business man would depend upon impulsive methods? There must be good, solid business methods. "See that ye make all things according to the pattern shewed thee in the mount." In all God's methods there is a marvelous exactness; no slipshod unthrift; and when God and man unite in accuracy, as they do, for instance, in guiding a ship across the ocean, we see the best results.

Would your business partner allow you to guess at his stipulated share of the profits, even though you should give him more, or thought you were giving him more than his dividend? Not at all; you would carefully balance the accounts.

Nor should we guess at God's share of our profits. It is only when we know he has our Tenth that we can make a free-will offering. If we have not intelligently taken out the Tenth, how do we know that we are not making a supposed thank-offering to the Lord out of his own share? "Be just before you are generous." And you can not be just with God unless you adopt business methods with him, as you do with men. He has a contract with us. The terms are explicit. God says, "The Tenth is mine," nine-tenths yours. Do n't guess, or even "be sure you give a tenth." A good deacon thought he "knew" he gave more than a Tenth. His gifts daily "kept his pocketbook empty" he said. One day he rejoiced in the returns from his wheat-crop, \$600 net. His devoted wife immediately slipped a tithing-book into his hand. "What," he exclaimed, "take \$60 out of this money. O, that's too much." The shrewd wife had suggested to him before, that if he were giving more than a Tenth, would it not be economy to find out just what his Tenth was.

In doing one good thing, God always does two. First, the Tenth provides for all religious enterprises; and, then, second, keeping accounts balanced, in order to know exactly what the Tenth is, brings care, energy, order, and thrift into our business. No doubt this is part of the secret of the material prosperity which usually attends, and was promised to those obedient to this command. Truly God is love, even in business.

What is my Tenth? How shall I proceed to find it? It is the Tenth of your salary, or of the net proceeds of your business after you have paid your taxes.

The Tenth set apart, the nine-tenths left, are for the expenses of yourself and family.

It is worthy of note that it is not alone the rich who rejoice in the Tenth, but those in moderate circumstances and the poor. The magnificent record made by old Wesley Chapel, Cincinnati, beginning with the rich, was largely made by newsboys and serving-maids. And that is another good thing belonging to the Tenth. Not only it makes a man orderly and thrifty, but elevates him with a consciousness that he is the partner of a King, and in very deed a citizen of Zion, one of many brethren. I know no club in this age of clubs whose members have more self-respect than do these givers of the Tenth.

From *Christian Educator*, of the Freedmen's Aid Society, I clip the following:

"How few persons recognize the taxing system of the Old Testament, which applies to the income of all persons! When the books are opened, it may be found there has been as much evasion in the payment of taxes to the King of saints as unto Cæsar. The tithing system of the Old Testament, which is recognized and approved by the New, is simply a system of taxation among Christian people. If the Missionary Society could get an equitable share of a faithful payment of the tithes, the entire debt would be raised in the next collection over the Church. There are men who faithfully observe this obligation. Here is a letter from a superannuate, who writes as follows:

"My salary in the ministry averaged \$370 per year for nearly fifty years. I had six children, and was obliged to keep a horse, but I always gave one-tenth to the cause of God. My income now is \$180, and I tithe that—the inclosed is part of it. I gave the same amount for the Missionary debt. In my fifty years, I preached 6,591 times, traveled 28 circuits—some of them had 15 appointments. We had extensive and glorious revivals. On one charge I received 120 probationers. E. and C. Circuit was 25 miles long. The ruling spirit is still strong. We have a mighty grip on souls that only death can loosen."

I believe the many earnest words spoken and written on this great subject by the Woman's Home Missionary Society have already borne fruit.

On all sides there is an awakening interest. The young people, too, are moving, and their multitudinous Leagues are systematically spreading information upon the lost art of the Tenth, and making practical sentiment thereupon.

But you say, What can women do, since so few women control funds? That is an important problem, and we are going to solve it practically.

Women may not control funds, but they can make sentiment. They can gradually influence, and so control their husbands.

In the beginning we have in this very matter a striking example. Who was it influenced her husband to put forth his hand, and take the forbidden fruit—the property, the small share God had set apart for himself? It was the all-persuasive woman—"the woman thou gavest me," the husband said. And now, redeemed by the gospel and with all the grace

and wisdom the gospel gives, what could be more fitting than that the woman should use her persuasive influence to bring man back to right money relations with God, to restore that which in Eden she persuaded him to take away?

I believe labor to bring about the observance of the Tenth is one of the foremost duties of this Society. For is not money the great want of the Church in order to save the world? If money is withheld, prayer is withheld. There is certainly something wrong. What can be the matter? Why are the windows of heaven shut; and the King's servants, why do they go begging over the land? Is it not because we have taken our own methods, and set aside God's?

There was a Church, we will suppose, of six hundred members, young and old. It unanimously adopted the tithing system. The average income of the three hundred families was \$200 annually. The Tenth was \$6,000. Never before had they been able to meet expenses. The liberal had put their hands in their pockets again and again to meet deficiencies. The sisters made suppers and sales to get money for God from outsiders. Here was \$6,000, and no anxious effort to get it. The preacher the year before could not get all of his \$1,200. This year, with shining faces, the Board votes him \$2,000. One thousand more goes to Home Missions, one to Foreign, \$500 to city work, \$1,000 for current expenses, and \$500 are left in the treasury. Is it not plainly to be seen what is the matter with the finances of the Church, when God himself declares that the key which unlocks the bank of heaven, and pours floods through its windows, is the devout observance of the Tenth? (See Malachi iii, 7-12.)

The Rev. Dr. Miller, of Charlotte, N. C., a divine of high repute in the South, and one of the ablest scholars in this country, says: "The law of the tithe is binding upon the Christian Church, according to the judgment of the fathers and the voice of the Church, *uncontradicted for more than a thousand years*. It is a sad thought that the faith of the Jews and of the heathen should exceed ours. It was a proverb among the Jews, *Pay tithes and be rich*. The heathen made the same observation, viz., that he who paid most to his gods did receive most from them. They saw God's judgments upon them for not paying him his *tenth*; they repented, restored the *tithe*, and were delivered. But we Christians remain the only incurable infidels, and we refuse to pay God that which, by a universal decree, he has from the beginning reserved to himself."

We quote this utterance of the distinguished Dr. Miller as emphasizing the very important fact that *the tithe is from the beginning, and universal as the race*, even as are marriage and the Sabbath. (See "McClintock and Strong's Encyclopedia," upon the subject of the Tithe, where it is exhaustively treated by specialists.)

ADDRESS OF REV. A. H. AMES, D. D.,

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IT ought to be understood, though apparently it is not, that philanthropy is a science, conforming to those conditions under which the Divine Being has subjected all created things. Its inspiring motive is due to grace, but in its practical methods it is under the dominion of law. The object of all real charity is not simply to alleviate present distress, but to work a radical cure of moral disease; and this can not be done without a knowledge of the roots out of which it springs. It is happily true that some exhibition of charity's divine mission lies within the reach of every benevolent heart, just as some familiarity with the heavenly bodies is attainable without exact knowledge of astronomy. But as knowledge far more accurate and profound is requisite to guide mariners over stormy seas and through fog and mist, to weigh the masses and calculate the orbits of the stars, so also right direction of our possibilities and our impulses to be helpful to our fellow-beings demands profound knowledge of the laws by which society is governed. A ministrant of charity, or agent of benevolence, whose sense of moral proportion is distorted, like Hogarth's well-known caricature of perspective; who confounds peccadilloes with perverseness, and weakness with wickedness; who can not discriminate between shiftlessness and viciousness; who puts neglect of tithing mint, anise, and cummin on a par with disregard of the weightier matters of the law; who, in her zeal to mitigate present suffering, abandons self-control and foresight of results, and who, by perpetuating the helplessness and moral imbecility which she ought to cure, sacrifices the welfare of the State, the family, and the Church,—is hardly qualified to direct consciences wisely, to distribute benevolence safely, or to commend the cause of religion to the thoughtful. The desire to be of service to others is a noble one, all too rare in this world; but the mere possession of faculties does not guarantee their wise use.

It is the case with all the sciences, that no accurate knowledge of one is possible without some acquaintance with others, since the whole creation is most intricately bound together. In like manner philanthropy requires familiarity more or less complete with theology, psychology, ethics, economics, sanitation, sociology; and every act of benevolence involves the practice of all these. Should any one attempt to expound the Bible, the possibility of erroneous teaching is not inconsistent with the purest intention; should one be called on to give advice in critical junc-

tures, and where important issues relating to individual or family life are involved, acquaintance with ethics is essential; should one, out of the kindest motives, attempt to correct the evils of the world, and to interpose between labor and capital, between landlord and tenant, between unscrupulous and rapacious avarice, and helpless and hopeless poverty, a comprehension of the complex problems of economics is necessary. Indeed, at all times, and in all cases, the power and the wish to benefit and bless imposes the responsibility of doing it with thoughtfulness, prudence, and skill. It must be by an accurate and wide observation of facts, by discriminating and judicious comparison, by logical and impartial deduction, by unselfish and pure application to existing conditions, that the impulse to serve God and man becomes exalted from a blind and mischievous zeal into a well-directed and successful effort to elevate the whole tone of an age, and to transform the helpless, infirm, and vicious, suffering from evil heredity, from unwholesome environments, and from moral obliquity, into normal and self-respecting members of society. Nowhere than in philanthropy are the proverbs more true, that "prevention is better than cure," and that "an ounce of mother is worth more than a pound of priest."

It was presumably with this end in view that your National Training-school was instituted; this, at least, is the purpose which now governs its methods. It were an easy task to receive young women, to cultivate those devotional impulses which animate them in a high degree, and then to send them out to gather such lessons as by their experiments, failures, or in some such haphazard way they might acquire; but this would hardly justify the expense which your Society incurs. Your desire is to have sensible, practical, and efficient, as well as deeply religious, helpers in your various fields—women who shall know how to do good, as well as have a wish to do it. These young enthusiasts who come to us richly endowed spiritually, consecrated, and self-sacrificing in an unusual measure, are to be taught that the training-school is for hard study and serious brain-work. The opportunities of school-life will never be repeated, and the moments, too few at best for all they need to learn, can not be wasted in crude and ill-digested experiments.

It is greatly to be wished that some more concerted plan for the selection of students could be put into operation. So far as educational qualifications are concerned, the officers of the school are competent to judge between candidates. We are gradually elevating the standard of requirements, although this is difficult by reason of the fact that the deaconess life can hold out to no one any prospect but that of exhausting work and meager compensation. We must demand that candidates shall possess at least a common-school education, because in our limited period of two scholastic years we have not time to repair serious faults, and also because those only whose minds have been trained by education to distinguish things that differ, are able to profit by the higher social and Biblical teaching which we impart.

But there are other qualifications essential to a successful deaconess or missionary; such as strength of character, capacity for leadership, earnestness and tenacity of purpose, a spirit of docility and teachableness, tact, good sense, and freedom from eccentricities, about which we are compelled to rely on the representations of others. Experience shows us that realities differ sometimes quite widely from the idealized characters represented in recommendations, pastoral and otherwise. Some effective system, generally adopted, which shall aid the school to select cultivated, judicious, and capable, as well as religious and devout women, would save the Society the expense of some costly failures.

I do not say this apologetically. The school has been singularly fortunate in its students. Taking into account that every man's hand, "like the dyer's, is subdued to that it works in," and that the utmost to be expected of us is that we shall give to the material committed to us that polish which its fiber is capable of receiving, and allowing for the fact that contact with the actual work will sometimes disclose unsuspected and latent weaknesses, the school has reason to be proud of its graduates. They compare favorably with those trained elsewhere, and the demand for them continues to far exceed the supply. But the school has a future before it, and should prepare for it prudently and systematically.

Most of those who during the past year assisted in the instruction of the school—Biblical, theological, ethical, medical, or practical—will continue to render us their much appreciated aid. Others have kindly accepted my invitation to assist us in the various departments. With all sincerity, I can say that I believe our corps of instructors is the best we have ever had, and the grade of instruction is certainly being perceptibly elevated.

The pupils of the school are now being organized into an Auxiliary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and are also conducting an ideal Society on the model of your Board of Managers, thus becoming inducted into an acquaintance with your various Bureaus and fields of work, for which service we are greatly indebted to Mrs. Dr. J. E. Gilbert, of Washington. I hope that sufficient copies of your Annual Report and of your monthly missionary papers will be donated to the school to make the experiment a success. During the past year the school enjoyed the favor of a visit from Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson, whose address on the history of the Deaconess Movement, especially in connection with your Society, gave to the students a knowledge of the subject not otherwise to be gained.

The Lucy Webb Hayes is designated by you as a National Training-school. By this is meant, not only that it shall receive students from all parts of the land, and that they shall be ready for assignment to any of the fields of the Society, but also that it shall be National in the sense of being superior to the local schools connected with Deaconess Homes, by giving a course of instruction more comprehensive, complete, and thorough than is possible therein. But if such a school is deemed by you to

be a necessity, it can maintain its superiority over local schools only by a policy more liberal than has hitherto been pursued.

The school should be furnished with at least twice the number of resident teachers, and with buildings to accommodate four times its present numbers. In some very important branches of applied science we are compelled to rely on volunteer aid, which has been indeed cheerfully given, and has been very efficient; but such aid can not always be expected, and hardly equals the efficiency of exclusive service.

The importance of the Training-school, and the relation in which it will increasingly stand to the educational work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, justify it in asking special consideration for its claims. Whatever is done for it in the increase of its facilities inures to the permanent welfare of the Society. A building sufficient to accommodate the needs of the school, and adapted to its uses could probably be erected for the sum of thirty thousand dollars. It will be found, I think, very much more economical in the end than to attempt to repair or improve the present building. I most earnestly hope the Society will give its hearty indorsement to such an enterprise, and take steps towards its realization.

When one thinks of the possibilities that lie in the work of deaconesses, of the vast influence they might exert toward assimilating with us the heterogeneous masses seeking our shores, whose knowledge of religion has been only of its shows, its rapacities, its hypocrisies, and its tyranny, and in permeating with light and joy and hope by their beneficent presence that black cloud of poverty, vice, disease, crime, and sin which threatens our institutions and our life, surely patriotism and religion should gladly combine to help them in the solution of these problems so serious to Church and State.

And when one knows that while vast fields of ripened grain all about us are drooping their heads to receive the sickle of the reaper, there are in our Church so many noble and heroic women, pious, tactful, and wise, who have heard the Master's summons, and are eager to respond, but who must say, "No man hath hired us," surely in the presence of such possibilities and conditions it does not seem too much to ask that the Church shall respond to the call. Is there any work more like the Master's than this? Has the Church enterprises more in keeping with its mission, and more hopeful in its results than this? About many prospective forms of benevolence there may be, in the minds of the judicious, serious doubt; about this there can be none. It profits all classes, it antagonizes none save the vicious and vile. It benefits alike the State and the Church, the individual and the family. It meets both the spiritual and temporal needs of mankind. It combines the faith which leans upon the cross with the works which embody love, and thus tends to the purity of the heart and of society. Surely there must be amongst those intrusted with wealth and alive to its responsibilities, some who will be glad to contribute to such a cause.

For the meager sum of \$100 for a scholastic year, we guarantee to

give to our students board, lodging, tuition, and all necessary things save clothes, and after two years of training to send them out disciplined and competent workers. Are there not many to whom the gift of this amount would be a pleasure?

To the young women, especially the educated and cultivated, we appeal. The avocations of life are being rapidly filled; that of wise and helpful benevolence is not. Worldly emolument we can not promise; the approval of God and of conscience we can. If the consciousness of following in the footsteps of Jesus, of helping to make the world better, life happier, and society purer, of gaining a crown of everlasting life, is a reward worth living, sacrificing, and dying for, enlist in this cause, and help to carry out the Master's wish and prayer.

In the midst of the restless and turbulent ocean of time one truth stands firm like an island of hope; that from the beginning some unseen Power outside the human race has been guiding it. From the grossness and rudeness of barbarism up to the delicate refinements and courtesies of civilization, from the isolation and obtuseness of the savage to organized society with its complicated order, from ignorance and blind superstition to the rational knowledge of nature's secrets and powers, from brutal disregard and contempt of one's fellows up to the sense of humanity, which permeates modern Christian life, intensifying the bonds of union so that every blow is felt by all, and every cry of distress and moan of pain resounds through the house of the world, some kind Hand has led man on, some gentle Voice has called him forward. In spite of temptation and frequent defeat, in spite of apathy and revolution, in spite of many a regression of the tides and recurrences of the waves, progress is continuous and perceptible. Would we know what this Power is? The apostle of love, the biographer of Christ, has told us; "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men." It is Christ, the Word and revelation of God; Christ, the outbeaming of the Father's glory; Christ, the archetype and ideal of man; Christ, the Lamb slain from the beginning, who has presided over the race; and gradually but surely the world moves on toward the Christ.

It is Christ in the heart which is the inspiration of the Deaconess Movement; it is Christ on the throne which is the aim of her mission. It is his gentleness and strength, his benevolence and his wisdom which she seeks to imitate; it is the establishment of his universal kingdom which she endeavors to realize. And whoever does even so much as to give to one of these, his disciples, a cup of cold water, in his name, shall in no wise lose his reward.

REPORTS FROM BUREAUS.

BUREAU FOR EAST SOUTHERN STATES.

THIS Bureau comprises all the work of our Society in the States of Georgia and Florida. The work grows rapidly, and with its growth come increasing cares and responsibilities. We again request that the Bureau be divided, so that the work in Georgia—namely, Thayer Home, in connection with Clark University, at Atlanta, and Haven Home and School, Savannah, and Mary Haven Home and School, be constituted one Bureau for Georgia; and Boylan Home and School, Jacksonville, and Emerson Home and School, Ocala, shall form a Bureau for Florida.

We also request that Mrs. G. E. Palen, so long our faithful and efficient Chairman of the work at Savannah, be made Secretary of the Bureau for Georgia. The work could not be placed in more competent hands; she fully understands it, and is greatly beloved by the missionaries.

Thayer Industrial Home, Atlanta, Ga.

Our family numbered seventeen, and were taught in all that pertains to good housekeeping. Lectures were given on many practical subjects. Our girls in this Home are more mature than in some of our other Homes. The most of them go from us to important positions. Many of them go as wives of ministers to homes of their own. It is our aim to see that they are thoroughly furnished in all practical lines, in order than they may become leaders among the people, and their little homes may indeed be "model homes."

We try, as far as possible, to follow these girls in their life-work, and to know in this way something of the fruits of our work. We are glad to say to you that the reports that come to us, not only encourage us in the work, but that they are exceedingly gratifying. A number of our girls have excellent positions as teachers. Some of them we would be glad to employ, but we are not able to pay them as high salaries as they receive elsewhere. From those who have visited the little parsonages over which our girls preside, we have only words of praise and commendation. These homes are centers where the people gladly gather, and receive help and instruction, and are inspired to return to their little hovels and miserably kept quarters, and to try to transform them into something that shall at least have the semblance of a home. Thus the leaven is working, and the influence that is going out from our Homes in the great Southland is being felt and acknowledged. It is our hope that finally the whole land will be permeated by the influence. Then these miserable abodes in which these people now dwell will become homes indeed. Who can estimate the blessings that will come to our entire land?

The work of Thayer Home is not confined to the girls who live in the Home. The girls in Clark University come to it for lessons in sewing and cooking, and have the benefit of this object-lesson—a well-kept home. The young men are unconsciously benefited by this same object-lesson, and will never again be satisfied to live in the old way, but will return to try to make things better and brighter.

Thayer sent a fine exhibit to the Nashville Exposition, a credit to the Home and to the Society. The Home will be crowded this year; cots will be used in the sewing-room to accommodate the girls, but many will be turned away for lack of room. The poverty of the people is such that but few will be able to pay their way; but they are promising girls, and we must not deny them the help needed to fit them for a life of usefulness.

Haven Industrial Home and School, and Mary Haven Industrial Home and School, Savannah, Ga.

Mrs. G. E. Palen, Chairman of the Committee on Savannah work, reports as follows:

"Our four missionaries in this field have been the same as for the previous three years. A more devoted corps of workers can not be found anywhere. Their consecration to their work is complete, and the results are such as never flow from half-hearted or perfunctory performance of duty.

"Haven Home had forty-five inmates during most of the school year. They were very much crowded; but the pressure for admission was so great, that it was hard to refuse worthy applicants; and yet many were turned away because no possible place could be found for them.

"The day-school numbered 230, with an average attendance of about 200. We could have had double the number had there been room for them. The needs of this work seem to increase year by year, rather than grow less. A fine, commodious school-building for white children has been put up in the neighborhood of our Home recently. It should have been for Negro children, as they greatly outnumber the white children; but petitions and protests were of no avail. This fact emphasizes the need of *our* having increased accommodations; for it is not thought that the city authorities will meet this want for some years.

"Our day school not only develops the intellect, but it is a most positive evangelizing agency; and the opportunity for doing good through it, is one the Society should appreciate.

"The primary department in Haven Home, and the sewing and music remained under the charge of our two efficient and faithful colored helpers; girls of our own training, who were also with us last year.

"Five hundred girls have been inmates of this Home since it was opened, and four thousand pupils have been in the day school. Who can estimate the wide sweep of this influence?

"Miss Herron writes of the great enjoyment she has had in her work. She reports a day-school of forty pupils and four girls, sometimes more, composing her little family. While this work is a limited one, it is a satisfaction to know that it meets a great need, and that it is having a definite and wholesome influence in a community that, but for it, would be destitute of every uplifting influence."

Boylan Industrial Home and School.

Boylan Home was opened April 1, 1886, in a six-room cottage, with only five girls. Through the benefactions of our ever-generous friend, Mrs. A. De Groot, we have been enabled to enlarge the original building, and purchase additional ground and buildings, so that last year we cared for thirty-five girls in the Home, and two hundred and thirty-five in the day-school.

The night-school was an interesting feature of the work. Men and women who had labored hard all day, were glad to spend their evenings in the school-room, in order that they might learn enough to be able

to read their Bibles. The teachers were weary, too, and needed their evenings for rest; but they gladly gave the additional time and strength to those who so much needed their help.

We had two hundred girls in sewing-classes, six in dressmaking, twenty-four in cooking-classes, seventy-five in kitchengarten, and thirty-five in kindergarten classes.

The girls made five quilts, twenty-four dresses, and one hundred and eighty-eight other garments. Besides this, they made six hundred and seventy-two pieces of sample work, and repaired and mended eight hundred and thirty-two garments. In our Mission Bands we had three hundred and seventy girls. Our missionaries made six hundred and forty-eight calls, and gave out twelve hundred and sixteen garments. They carried forward other lines, which we can not here specify.

Every Friday afternoon is devoted to prayer-meeting and Bible-study. A deep spiritual influence pervades the Home.

Since its opening eighty of the girls have been converted, which is a cause for great rejoicing.

Twenty-four of our girls have completed the required work, six are now teaching, seven in schools of higher grade, three are competent dressmakers, two are efficient helpers in the Home, four are married, and one died a happy Christian.

The Home has been kindly remembered by many friends, but no gift is more appreciated than that of a beautiful flag, 13 by 7 feet, which was presented by two gentlemen, to whom we are indebted for numerous favors in the past, some of which, we fear, have not been properly acknowledged. They are the brother and brother-in-law of Miss Emerson; Arthur W. Emerson and David W. Plumer, who are our true and tried friends.

We are still in need of many things; especially a better equipment for our Industrial Department, which we consider of great importance.

Emerson Memorial Industrial Home.

In our Home family we have had fourteen girls, ranging from twelve to twenty-one years of age, and forty-five in the day-school. The usual cooking and sewing lessons were given to large classes, one hundred and twenty garments were made, and a large amount of mending and fancy work done, sixty-nine pieces of work were sent to the Nashville Exposition, which received honorable mention.

The girls in Emerson Home have made marked improvement in the use of the needle, as well as in other lines of work. They have come from poorer homes, and have had fewer advantages, perhaps, than the girls in some of our other Homes. The appreciation which they show for what is being done for them, and the rapid improvement made by them, is indeed very gratifying. Our missionaries here are a power in the Church; they look after its interests, both spiritual and temporal; sometimes conducting services in the absence of the pastor. They attended two hundred and ninety-one religious services, and made one hundred and sixty-nine calls in the interest of the work.

The closing exercises were largely attended, and full of interest. During the year six girls were converted. This Home has received but little help, either in the way of beneficiary money or supplies. We trust that in the future our ladies will take more interest in it, and give it the help that it needs. As is the case in this Home, so is it in all the other Homes. The work that is reported does not cover all that has been done, as neither time nor space will permit.

The work in all the Homes has been managed most carefully and economically. The year was a trying one to all connected with our work,

and was especially so for our missionaries, who were at times compelled to make one dollar do the work of two, and often when the last dollar was gone, they did not know when the next would be sent. They were brave and loyal, and endured hardships; and when their little salaries finally came, they contributed out of that source to our Emergency Fund, thus really helping to pay their own salaries.

The new year has opened—the missionaries are at their posts, full of courage and earnest resolve to make the best year's work that they have ever done. We ask for each of them your confidence, your love, your sympathy. We ask this for the workers in all the Homes of the Bureau. Although we have asked that the Bureau be divided, we shall not cease to love and take an interest in the Homes that will go to form a separate Bureau. We feel somewhat as a mother does when she sends out her older children from the home-circle—though it may be a trial, she feels that it will be for the best interests of the children. To Thayer and Haven we gave our first, and perhaps our best, work in Home Missionary lines. We thank God for the success that has attended our labors and those of our faithful missionaries. We anticipate for it continued and great success, and gladly give it into the care of so competent a Secretary.

We feel that we can not close our reports without referring to the great need of Home Missionary work at Key West, Florida, and to the remarkable work which has been done there during the last three years by Mrs. Sara A. Daley, formerly one of our missionaries. She has carried on the work largely at her own expense. The story of her privations and trials would touch your hearts, could we give them to you.

We are aware that our finances will not warrant us in opening up any new work at this time, but we ask you to consider this work favorably; and when the time comes when new work can be undertaken, we ask that you will provide for this work in a manner adequate to the needs of this field.

Meanwhile we would recommend that you appropriate \$300 to help in carrying forward this work, and to enable Mrs. Daley to secure the help which she so greatly needs.

SARAH M. Y. WHETSTONE,
Secretary of Bureau of East Southern States.

BUREAU FOR EAST CENTRAL STATES.

THE Industrial Home at Orangeburg, S. C., and the Industrial Homes and Schools at Asheville, N. C., and Camden, S. C., are under the supervision of this Bureau.

Simpson Home, Orangeburg, S. C.

Our Home at this point has shared in the general prosperity of Claflin University, after the adjustment of the difficulties attending the separation of the interests of this institution from the support of the State of South Carolina.

The Home is crowded to its utmost capacity, and more applicants have been refused than they were able to receive. An urgent appeal comes to us from the Faculty of "Claflin" for an additional building, because so many parents object to sending their daughters to the university unless they can have the shelter and training of our Home. At no distant time this building must be added, but at present we can do no more than to enlarge the capacity of the building we now have by the

completion of an attic, which can be made to accommodate four or six girls. A small amount has already been given for this purpose, but \$100 is still needed. In addition to the excellent training in the house department, under the direction of Miss Eva Penfield, the faithful superintendent so long connected with this work, our girls are surrounded by a religious atmosphere. The revival spirit is almost continuous in the university, and conversions are frequent and genuine; and as our girls go out from here, they go, without exception, as professing Christians.

Browning Home, Camden, S. C.

This institution maintains its high order of work and discipline, and has had during the past year thirty-nine girls in the Home, and one hundred and eighty in the school. Three courses—Preparatory, English, and Normal—in which the students, girls and boys, range from ten to twenty-five years in age, are maintained.

During the past year the income from the school not only paid all the current expenses, but returned \$645 to the treasury.

For the past two years this surplus income has been set apart for an improvement fund, and with the addition of a loan from Mrs. James Mather, a special friend of this work, we are now able to make additions and improvements to the amount of \$2,000. The proposed changes in the building will not only add to the convenience of every department, but provide accommodation for a much larger number of girls. At the last session of the South Carolina Conference many pastors testified to the efficiency of the training in this Home, and its healthful religious influence.

Allen Home, Asheville, N. C.

The dedicatory services of our new building were held on February 9th, conducted by Dr. Manly Hard. The occasion was honored by the presence of the city pastors of all denominations, and the best citizens of Asheville. Appropriate addresses were made, followed by the raising of a magnificent flag, the gift of Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, and a form of dedication in harmony with the Ritual of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Under the watchful care of our untiring friend, Dr. L. M. Pease, the building was brought to a degree of perfection, much beyond that usually obtained with such an amount of expenditure, and receives the most favorable comment from all who have visited it. All the pledges made the previous year for the building were fully met, and over \$7,000 paid out during the year. The remaining debt of \$1,800 has also been pledged, and with this paid we shall be in possession of an excellent property, including not only the new building, but a school-building and two cottages adjoining.

Fourteen girls are now in the Home, and one hundred and eight in attendance in the school. With this excellent equipment, we hope to make this a center of industrial training for this section. At the present time many applications are coming from girls not able to provide their own support, and beneficiary aid is greatly needed. We trust that the Society will help a number of these to receive the advantage of training, where so much has already been done to provide for it in this excellent building.

MRS. E. L. ALBRIGHT, *Secretary*.

BUREAU FOR WEST CENTRAL STATES.

Ritter Industrial Home.

Reported by Mrs. D. L. Williams, Chairman of Committee.

THERE were in Ritter Home last year seventy-five different pupils, and an average of sixty-eight. The last year has been the best year of our work at this Home. The girls have been tractable and faithful to their domestic and their school duties.

A Tuesday evening prayer-meeting has been sustained in the Home during the entire year. Besides this, the girls attend Sabbath-school, are all members of the Epworth League, always attend the Sabbath Church services morning and evening and the Wednesday evening prayer-meeting.

The work of the Superintendent is held in high esteem. She is Secretary of the Holston Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society, and has been doing good work to develop an interest in Home Mission work. She attended the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society, and made an address. A local paper had this paragraph concerning it: "We were especially favored in having with us Mrs. F. V. Chapman, of Ritter Home, Athens. She is a host in herself. Her enthusiasm is boundless. She did us all good. O, for more such consecrated workers as Mrs. Chapman!"

The little village of Athens, with a very weak Church, made up largely of students, has paid this year into our treasury \$100. Of this money, \$45 was a self-denial offering to the Emergency Fund from our Home, secured in part by doing without butter for one month in the Home, and in part by the sale of work.

The Holston Conference met this fall at Athens, and as Ritter Home was the most commodious place in the village, a reception was given the Conference by our school. A guest from Chattanooga, a layman, writes commending the order and beauty of the Home, and the Woman's Home Missionary Society for sustaining such an excellent institution for Southern girls.

I can not enough emphasize the wisdom of making Athens a strong point of missionary and educational influence in our Society. The Church Extension Society knows the importance of this point in the Central South.

Bishop Hartzell says, in the *Christian Educator*, in justification for an expenditure of \$100,000 by the Church Extension Society upon Grant University, located at Athens and Chattanooga: "Around this educational center will gather the forces of our own Methodism among the white people of the Central South; and from its halls and the score of academies associated with it, will go forth ministers, physicians, and Christian teachers, not only to lead our own Methodism in that section, but to add inspiration and strength to the forces of our Christian civilization among other Churches and peoples as well." Ritter Home is no mean factor in this important work.

Kent Home.

This Home, in connection with Bennett Seminary, has had ten girls under the care of Miss Ida Lewis, our Superintendent, and Miss S. E. Thornborough, as assistant.

We would report the year as a prosperous one, the girls having more nearly come up to the expectation of their teachers in school-work. We had some sickness in the Home in the early part of the year, but nothing serious interfered with its usefulness and ultimate success. A mission was

opened by Miss Thornborough, who is a deaconess, in one of the most needy parts of the city. She reports great interest, a gift of an organ, and the assistance and co-operation of the professors of Bennett College in this work. The Home was open at Commencement in June, and visitors from all parts of the Conference were greatly interested, not only in the Home, but in the exhibition in the Sewing Department. Kent Home certificates were given to three girls who completed the two-years' course in this department.

Some needed repairs were made after school closed. The Superintendent begs for the coming year such supplies as will gladly increase the results for which she labors, and adds: "We thank God sincerely for his presence with us, and his blessing on our work this past year. The outlook for our work at Greensboro the coming year is promising."

This Home was visited by our National President, Mrs. Fisk, and Mrs. Kent, who made valuable suggestions for the work of the new year.

Let me bespeak for this Home prayer and active sympathy.

New Jersey Home.

This Industrial Home is connected with the Academy, and has just completed its sixth year. We have had a family of nineteen girls, with Miss Annie E. Mosher as Superintendent, and Mrs. Snow as assistant. We have found this family to be earnest and faithful in their endeavor to acquire the necessary knowledge, this being their one opportunity. We have tried to impress the idea that there is something higher than to shelter a few girls, instruct in bread-making or dress-fitting, necessary as that may be. It is to have a standard of cultured Christian womanhood, an example of well-ordered living, frugal, not penurious, simple and economical. There is an educational value in the making of a bed, the sweeping of a room, the ironing of a garment. It is not merely to accomplish the work, but to impress the mind that the every-day duties of life can be beautified by the "Whatsoever ye do" requirement of the gospel.

These girls have been guided and guarded with conscientious care, anxious to develop self-supporting Christian women. The influence of this Home life and training with spiritual help is to dignify labor. That our desire to broaden this influence is ever present will be shown by a roll of 113 girls and boys in our sewing classes. Order, neatness, politeness, and gentleness have been mingled with the stitches.

Our Mothers' Meetings, held on the campus, have been attended by women who have hurried from their labor at home, long distances away, but who appreciated that at these meetings the Lord has been most graciously manifested in these hours of prayer. We would be glad if we could give the testimonies of these earnest, simple women. One said: "I tell you these meetin's is a feed to me. I've been like a new greased wagon ever since the first one. I just run along easy-like over every difficult." Our Superintendent has rejoiced over the interest of the Michigan Conference in her personally, and is grateful to these friends and to others for evidences of genuine loyalty.

As Secretary for Kent and New Jersey Homes, let me urge upon Auxiliaries to press the needs of these Homes as to help to make this coming year the best for the girls who may be fortunate enough to enter.

MARY FISK PARK,
Secretary of Bureau for West Central States.

BUREAU FOR MISSISSIPPI.

Bennett Home, Clarkson, Miss.

OUR first visit was to Bennett Home. At Clarkson is also located Woodland Academy, under the care of the Methodist Episcopal Church. When Woodland Academy was established, I am informed that three hundred acres of land were purchased, and the academy building erected. Bennett Home, for white girls, was built on a portion of this three-hundred-acre tract, under contract of purchase. It was in charge of Miss Florence Jackman (now Mrs. F. J. Gunn), as Superintendent, and Miss Nora Willingham, assistant.

Mrs. Richards, whose husband is President of Woodland Academy, was in charge of the Sewing Department, and also teacher of music.

The girls, sixteen in number, were all in classes in Woodland Academy. Our visit was at the close of the year to both institutions, the academy and Home, and it was not the most favorable time for observing the operations and condition of the Home.

Bennett Home has been conducted at less expense to our Society than any other of our Industrial Homes, and the cost per capita is less than that of any of which I have knowledge. The food in all respects is excellent, and well prepared. Miss Jackman had so managed that the average cost of boarding for teacher and pupil was only \$3 per month. An inspection of the buildings disclosed the fact that the smaller house occupied by Professor and Mrs. Richards, and in part by six of the girls, needed a new roof, the expense of which was estimated at \$20, which amount I have secured since our visit, and paid into the treasury of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Since the close of the year Miss Jackman has married, and is now the wife of the Rev. F. J. Gunn. Mrs. Gunn, however, returned to Clarkson in September, to oversee the work necessary to be done, and Miss Abby S. Putnam, the newly-elected Superintendent, a graduate of the Ohio State University, of Columbus, Ohio, and an excellent Christian young woman, will take charge the 1st of November. She will be assisted by Mrs. Richards in the Sewing Department. I was greatly pleased with the location and condition of the Home. The employment of Mrs. Richards as one of the teachers was fortunate. She is a cultured lady, and her presence and influence upon the girls are beneficial. Mrs. Bennett, in whose honor the Home is named, made possible the employment of Mrs. Richards, and in fact contributed the whole amount needed for her support last year.

E. L. Rust Home, Holly Springs, Miss.

This Home was visited in May last by Mrs. Dr. Rust and myself. Miss Sophia Johnston, Superintendent, Mrs. J. D. Speer, assistant. Twenty-six girls were in the Home, and also in the classes of Rust University. Mrs. Speer, in charge of the Sewing Department, did very efficient work; Miss Ella Phillips, in charge of the Nurse-training Department. Miss Johnston, who has been the faithful Superintendent of the Home from its opening, a period of thirteen years, finds her health so impaired, that she is compelled to retire for a needed rest and recuperation. Few women there are who have been more helpful than she, and to her efforts is due the success of E. L. Rust Home. Miss Ora Silvey, a graduate of the Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school, Washington, D. C., has been elected her successor, while Mrs. Speer continues in her department, and Dr. Norton, of Cincinnati, takes charge of the Nurse-training Department, in place of Miss Phillips.

October 6th the Home was opened by the newly-elected Superintendent, Miss Ora Silvey, and Dr. Norton, of the Nurse-training Department. Mrs. Speer was unable to reach Holly Springs until the 16th inst., on account of the yellow-fever quarantine, and but a few of the girls have arrived, having been detained by the same cause. The Home has been completely renovated, painted, and papered, at a total cost of \$91.87.

We went to Nashville, and our visit had two objects. The Tennessee Centennial had been opened. Part of it was, and is, the Negro building, and exhibits from our Industrial Homes were there, and we desired to see them. But the more important object was to carefully look into another matter of value to the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and ascertain if the time had arrived for the establishment of an Industrial Home at Nashville.

The Executive Board doubtless has knowledge of some of the facts hereafter stated and referred to. A Miss Millard, of Pana, Illinois, some years ago offered to the Woman's Home Missionary Society a house and lot in Nashville, located opposite the Central Tennessee College, and valued at \$5,000, with furniture and furnishing. The Woman's Home Missionary Society did not accept the donation at the time, and the title to the property, as we were informed, is held, so that whenever the Woman's Home Missionary Society establishes an Industrial Home at Nashville, the property will be transferred to the Society. Here is a great opportunity, and we beg to recommend that such action be taken as will establish a Home, and so secure the property.

MRS. HENRY C. HEDGES,
Secretary Bureau of Mississippi.

BUREAU FOR WEST SOUTHERN STATES.

Peck Home, New Orleans.

THE past year has been one of unexpected trials, owing to unforeseen emergencies which have arisen; of much perplexity, as to best plans of adjustment, in some departments of the Bureau, and also a year of advancement and growth in other departments. Early in January Peck Home, at New Orleans, was destroyed by fire. This caused a temporary suspension of the industrial work at the Home, though the industrial teacher, Miss Poppino, continued to teach classes in the university the balance of the year. Miss Hickman and Miss Poppino also established sewing-schools, Mothers' Meetings, and Epworth Leagues in many of the colored Churches. One of our bright, enthusiastic missionaries said to me: "No better field for the *right* kind of missionary labor can be found than is afforded in New Orleans." But the "*right*" management of the work has proved a difficult task. New Orleans is a peculiar city. Some portions of it seem not to have advanced for a hundred years. Certain parts of it seem to be foreign, certain parts given up to the colored population, though our dark-skinned brothers and sisters are numerous in all parts of the city. The colored women have suffered more, and been more degraded by the awful curse of slavery, than have the colored men. The Superintendent and industrial teacher made a careful study of this field at the beginning of last year, and the prospects for a successful year were unusually bright. Better plans of work had been matured, more pupils were entering the Home, more interest was being manifested than ever before by the colored people and ministers of the Louisiana Conference, when the fire came and destroyed the building, many of its belongings, and nearly all of the clothing of the missionaries and pupils.

When I was in New Orleans last March, the colored people and ministers manifested great anxiety as to the future of our work there, were very desirous that it should be continued, and pledged themselves to support the Woman's Home Missionary Society in every possible way. May God, in his unerring wisdom, guide and control to a right adjustment in this important and difficult field!

The Italian Work in New Orleans.

Missionary labor is sorely needed in the Italian settlements of New Orleans. There are thirty thousand of these people in that city. Twelve thousand landed in one day. They are densely ignorant. I visited with Miss Gibson many of their homes. We went through some of the worst parts of that wicked city; into courts swarming with men, women, and children, and dirty beyond belief. The Italians, Miss Gibson says, are not as easily controlled as the Negroes, but when converted, they make staunch, upright men and women. I visited the sewing-schools in the Italian Church, went out to the Ridge Mission in the afternoon, and was more and more impressed that this was an important field. Since the illness of Miss Page, Miss Gibson has been alone. Earnest and enthusiastic as she is, it has been hard to work unaided, where there is work enough for six active women. Last year the work was hindered by the prevalence of smallpox; this year by the yellow-fever epidemic. Notwithstanding all drawbacks, much good has been accomplished; night-schools for men and boys have been successfully carried on, as well as sewing-schools for girls. The Sunday-school at the Ridge was such a success, that the sisters of the Catholic Church had to close their school for lack of attendance. This year Miss Gibson will have an assistant, and we are expecting enlarged results from this addition. They need children's books, papers, magazines, and picture-cards; also school-books and supplies of clothing. Later some Christmas boxes would be very acceptable. The boxes sent by Iowa Conference last year, through the kindness of Mrs. Negus, were a wonderful help.

Adeline Smith Home, Little Rock.

At the beginning of last year, and for two weeks after the Home was opened, there was not a single girl at the Adeline Smith Home, in Little Rock. Then, owing to the efforts of the Superintendent and others interested, the girls began slowly to come in. There were twenty-four girls in the Home during the year; highest number at one time, fourteen. The colored people of Arkansas and vicinity are very poor, and the failure of the cotton crop was seriously felt among them. The Home was sadly out of repair. Only three beneficiaries were supported during the year.

I spent a week in this Home last spring, and was well pleased with the system, order, and neatness which prevailed there. The Christian atmosphere of the Home was apparent in the lives and conduct of the young women there. Mrs. Nasmyth writes: "We managed, through hard work, and by creating system and enforcing order, to gain quite a foothold among the people last year, and we had what might justly be called a successful year." The Home opened this year with seven girls. October 11th there were sixteen girls in the Home, and more were coming. The ministers predict that the Home will be filled to overflowing this year. The needs of this Home are many, but I will only mention those which are imperative. One of the sleeping-rooms is unfurnished; all the other rooms are now occupied, and this one will soon be needed. The furnace can not be used till it is repaired. This will cost fifty dollars, and has been provided for. A fence around the Home is a necessity. Horses

and cattle graze on the premises, and have done great damage to the lawn and shrubbery. The Superintendent writes that "cats, dogs, and other four-footed beasts do continually abide there." The cost of a good, strong fence will be about fifty-four dollars. Will not some of the Conferences here represented agree to pay for furnishing a sleeping-room, or for the cost of the fence? And will they kindly remember this Home when sending off boxes of supplies? Many of the girls are very destitute of clothing, especially of underclothing. The sewing department of the Home was self-sustaining last year, and had a balance at close of the year of \$8.20. They expect better things next year.

Help us now to put the Home into good shape, and we confidently believe that, before many years, it will become self-supporting, and a blessing to the community where it is located.

MRS. F. A. ARTER, *Secretary*.

BUREAU FOR TEXAS.

KING HOME and School has had one of the best years in its history. Though some difficulties have had to be overcome, and some anxious and weary hours endured, yet under the blessing of God the work has made progress. Very early in November, I wrote Miss Elliott, the Superintendent, a letter full of interrogation-points, to which she promptly responded, giving me the desired data. In her first letter I read between the lines, great energy, good financiering, practicality, executive ability, and devotion and love for the work. I have never received a letter from her but that I have risen to a pitch of enthusiasm for which I can scarcely account. She is always direct, graphic, and intense; and without knowing or having seen her personally, I am ready to give her the cognomen, "model Superintendent." During the year 118 pupils have been enrolled, while the average attendance has been 86.

Three pupils were graduated from the Dressmaking Department, which is ably managed by Miss Clara I. King, the assistant superintendent.

The statistics for the year are as follows:

Number of pupils.....	118
Average attendance.....	86
Number of boarding pupils.....	27
Average number.....	22
Cooking classes per day.....	3
Plain-sewing classes per day.....	6
Dressmaking classes per day.....	2
Embroidery and painting classes per week.....	8
Number of garments made.....	510
Number of visits to sick and needy.....	34
Number of Sunday-school services.....	57
Number of Bible lessons.....	37
Number of Young People's Meetings.....	54
Number of Temperance-meetings.....	20
Receipts from boarding pupils.....	\$732 30
Receipts from sale of garments.....	29 20
Receipts from sale of charts.....	25 00
Receipts from teachers, board, donations, and beneficiaries	358 06

Expenditures:

Food	\$711 80
Incidentals, fuel, light, and repairs.....	337 45
Sewing materials.....	47 30

So you see that only the money for the beneficiaries and the teachers' salaries was drawn from the general treasury, and the sum expended averaged about seven dollars for each pupil.

The severe winter was the source of much discomfort and real suffering, as the stoves in the halls (the only heaters we have) were not sufficient to heat the rooms comfortably.

For about a week the regular work could not be done, so Miss Elliott sent the girls out to visit the poor and sick (of whom there were great numbers in Marshall), to keep them employed; and so interested did they become in others, that they wanted to give away all their own supplies.

Mrs. Bishop McCabe visited the school in the early winter, and spoke in the highest terms of its management. President Dogan, of Wiley University, says: "I consider the Home almost indispensable to our work here. Our people are further back in home-making than along any other line, and the good effects of the good women sent out by your Board, eternity alone can tell." There exists a most fraternal spirit and perfect harmony between the two schools, each supplementing the other. King Home made an exhibit at the Nashville Exposition. And Miss Elliott wrote me that it was one of the best, if not the best, and one of which she was justly proud. She visited Nashville on her return home in the spring. The building and premises are in quite good condition, having been painted upon the outside and some papering done inside, though it needs more of the latter to make it neat and healthful.

This Industrial Home and School, as you all know, is one of our largest for colored girls. As I look over the State of Texas, with its more than two millions and a half of people, of whom over a million are colored, and catch a glimpse of its vast area, great needs, and the degradation of its colored people, and see this one school standing like a light-house amid this seething sea of ignorance, poverty, and sin, I can but feel how inadequate are our appliances for reaching these thousands of colored girls, who, through no fault of their own, have very low ideas of home, virtue, and duty. Yet we are sending out the light as fast as the Church is furnishing us the means. The girls from the best colored families from all parts of the State come here, and are being educated and trained in industrial and domestic arts, and will in the near future go out to be nuclei of Christian homes. I have received urgent letters during the year from other Conferences, begging that a school be established within their bounds. But under present conditions, I do not consider it wise to inaugurate new work. It surely will be the wiser policy to strengthen and support what we now have. If the economic administration of our work and funds be the watchwords of the hour, let us bear in mind, however, that the greatest of economical measures is the strengthening and care of the work now established.

I regard the education of these colored girls as one of the most pressing and vital obligations in our work, and one that will do more than any other, toward the uplift of the nine millions of illiterate and degraded people, who now have equal rights with us, and whose influence in the near future will be so potent for good or ill to this country.

The work of necessity must be slow. But as surely as night follows

day, so surely will good seed sowed bring forth good fruit. The promise is, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

MRS. LAVANDA G. MURPHY,
Secretary Texas Bureau.

BUREAU FOR UTAH.

THE Committee appointed at the last session of the Utah Mission Conference of our Church to consider the "state of affairs in Utah," began their report in these words: "'Watchman, what of the night?' is the eager question that is ever coming over the mountains from all parts of our beloved Methodism, as it looks with interested eyes toward Utah."

This question is echoed back from the mountain-sides to us of the Methodist Episcopal Woman's Home Missionary Society to-day, in convention assembled.

A short *résumé* of Methodism in Utah, and the early and continued interest of our Society in this field, will not be unprofitable. In 1869 our Church first determined to occupy Utah as a mission-field. May 8, 1870, the first missionary arrived in Salt Lake City, twenty-three years after the Mormons reached that point, and encamped upon the very ground now occupied by the First Methodist Episcopal Church. Two days later, an unfinished hayloft over a livery-stable was rented for the use of the missionary. Six days later, the first Methodist class was organized, consisting of one man and five women. One month after this, the first Sabbath-school met, with three teachers, seventeen pupils, and one visitor present. In six days followed the first Church festival; six hundred were present, and \$300 were the net receipts. At the same time the first quarterage, one dollar, was paid to the pastor.

In the year 1882, two years after our Society sent its first missionary into the Territory, our Church sustained five preachers, six churches, and seven Sunday-schools, with 588 teachers and pupils. We find in 1880 our Society supporting in the schools of the Missionary Society three teachers. During the years of 1880, 1881, and 1882, Dr. Rust, our abiding friend, paid the salaries of our three missionaries.

The second year the Bureau for Mormons was created, with Mrs. Angie F. Newman Secretary. Her heroic words and work are still bearing fruit for righteousness in the prosecution of the work she so conscientiously inaugurated. It was that year the vote was sustained to secure \$5,000 to erect a Boarding Department for the school in Salt Lake City. The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Rust, says in her report: "This enterprise on the part of the Woman's Home Missionary Society has a peculiar significance. Although this building was greatly needed, there was no agency in the Church competent to undertake the effort of securing it. No debt was to be incurred. The building was contracted for in July, and completed the following December. It has been comfortably and appropriately furnished by Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, of New Jersey, who sent a check for one thousand dollars for this purpose." This commodious building is now our "Davis Deaconess Home." At that Convention \$660 was pledged in life memberships for the proposed Industrial Home for women and girls, who would escape the despotism of Mormonism. Lucy Hayes school-houses, to cost from \$500 to \$1,000, were to be erected, as fast as means would allow, in the smaller towns of the Territory.

In four years our Society had the Palmer Memorial Building at

Ephraim, Spencer Home in Salt Lake City, for the benefit of the Scandinavian population, and buildings at Maroni and Mt. Pleasant. The fifth year we find Mrs. Newman laid aside by illness, and Mrs. S. W. Thompson taking up the work with a vigor worthy of one whose heart is fired with intensest love for purity in womanhood, and the sacredness and exaltation of the home. In a few years we find our Mrs. Goff standing for this work, until four years ago she passed from faithful service here to delightful rest yonder. And thus, through all these years our Society has planned and executed for Utah.

Our missionaries and teachers, we believe, have been, in the main, faithful to their work, and loyal to the Church and pastors with whom they have been associated. They have cheerfully gone to isolated places, and performed the duties of every office in the Church possible for them to perform, and to-day our Church has in this new State twenty-four preachers, forty-one churches, and thirty-two Sunday-schools, with 2,440 teachers and pupils. What part the Woman's Home Missionary Society has had in this increase of strength and evangelizing force of our Church in this field, nothing but the light of eternity can reveal.

If, when our Government took hold of polygamy, and said it must be abolished, the inheritance of sinful tendencies, of moral and physical weakness in the children, from this holocaust of woe could have been abolished also, to-day songs of purity and redemption would resound through the beautiful valleys and echo from the mountains of this fair new State. We may well ask to-day, "Watchman, what of the night?" and gratefully we hear the answer as it comes back to us clear and sweet, "The morning dawneth." Great developments in commercial and agricultural lines, the public-school system, a free press, liberty to think, speak, and act without fear, doors to the homes and hearts that have been opened by our heroic workers, make it possible for us to-day to see greater results than ever before from our efforts. Mormonism was never more alert or diligent in its influence to undermine every Christian endeavor, or to more firmly establish itself in all the interests of the State. Now we may truly say,

"There is a tide in the affairs of *women*,
Which taken at their flood leads on,
On such a *full sea* are *we now afloat*,
And we must *take* the current *when it serves*,
Or *lose our ventures*."

Our effort must be more directly to *Christianize* than to *educate*, in the common acceptance of this term. Hence, rather than maintain schools, we must sustain missionaries and deaconesses, who shall enter the homes, and, through kindly ministrations and a consecrated, devoted life, win the household, not to themselves or to us, but to Christ.

The Auxiliaries reported last year are active, with increased members. A new one has been added through the efforts of Mrs. Spence. The Conference anniversary was an interesting occasion.

Our deaconess work in Salt Lake City, Provo, Logan, Ogden, and Mt. Pleasant will be found in the report of the Deaconess Bureau.

Spring City.

Our school which has been maintained in Spring City, with the entire seating capacity of our school-room occupied, is continued with Miss Sena C. Simonson at the head. She is new in our employ, but comes to us highly recommended, and her school has opened with hopeful prospects for a good year. Twenty-five are already in the

school, all from Mormon families. Miss Simonson conducts the Sabbath-school, and is Superintendent and sole teacher. There is no resident pastor here, but there is preaching every two weeks, and this young woman is the only member of the Church.

Elsinore.

Here our faithful Mrs. Passmore began her third year as teacher the 1st of September. At this point, as at Spring City, there is no resident pastor throughout the year; therefore, no steady Christian influence, except that which goes out from these Christian schools.

The first year at Elsinore, after our work had been closed for two or three years, our teacher enrolled thirty-five pupils; the second year, forty; and the first week of the present year twenty were enrolled. There are in the town four Gentile families. All the Gentile children are in the school; eight perhaps this year. There is only one apostate family in the community. Two little grandchildren come from this family to the school. All other children are from Mormon or infidel influences. Mrs. Passmore also conducts an Industrial School for girls, and a reading-club for boys. A Band of Mercy is organized also. She still pleads for a bell. Will not the Auxiliaries at Columbus, Ohio, furnish a bell for this "Columbus Home" at Elsinore? Books to interest young people are needed, and material for the Industrial School. On Thanksgiving Mrs. Passmore will have an afternoon with the mothers, with songs, recitations, and refreshments. Christmas special exercises and a tree, as usual. Thus we see the do-everything-good policy is observed to reach the people.

Richfield.

To this important county-seat Miss Alice Oberg has been assigned for missionary work. She comes fully imbued with the spirit of doing, and a determination to reach the needy ones.

Ephraim and Maroni.

At these points it is the desire of the Bureau to place a kindergartner as soon as possible, believing that through the little children the overburdened mothers will be reached, and the Christian worker find readily an entrance into the homes. Industrial Schools for larger girls and societies for boys will also be maintained.

If the friends could supply material for work in our Industrial Schools, it would be a great favor. Stamped goods, with material for embroidery, scraps of silk or fancy pieces, are desirable. Every article of beauty taken into these homes has an elevating influence.

No flag of our country waves over any property of our Society in Utah! And where is the influence of the Stars and Stripes more needed than here? Where should patriotism be more persistently and faithfully taught, by every sign and symbol and precept known to our civilization, than here in this new State, dominated by a religion that no Christian can call Christlike, and the teaching of which its adherents are seeking to introduce into the public schools?

Our Mission Advisory Board, who study the situation on the ground, and to whom be the grateful thanks of the Society for their appreciative efforts in our behalf, urge an advance along all lines of endeavor. Can we not assure them that our Society will not weaken its efforts in behalf of Utah, but rather strengthen them until the flag, the home, and Christianity shall stand honored and beloved in every valley and on every mountain-top in this new star of our Republic.

MRS. B. S. POTTER, *Secretary.*

BUREAU FOR NEW MEXICO AND ARIZONA (SPANISH)

ALL missionary work is slow, and the greater need, the more of prejudice to overcome, the longer time is required to see results. In this respect our efforts have been the same among people in New Mexico as in other lands where superstition and error have held sway for centuries. Many and encouraging, however, are the prospects at this time.

At Las Vegas a Church has grown up, beside our mission for girls. The Spanish preacher has shown much energy in study of English, under our missionary, hoping to have a broader understanding of his work in leading his people in ways of truth. A woman who works hard to support grandchildren, arises earlier, so that she can give time for lessons in reading from our Miss Snider. The school children all show marked improvement. The Church is growing, and seed is taking root in a soil where so many weeds of error and superstition have for generations been cultivated. The school opens well at this time.

Las Cruces.

Our missionary at Las Cruces has had the pleasure of coming to visit her home in the East for a short vacation this summer. The distance is so great that she can not have this comfort every year. It meant much to her, as well as the work. It was also a great inspiration to those who care for the work, to meet this, and other godly women, who are carrying the bread of life for us to the hungry multitude.

Miss Marguerite Tripp writes: "My school has opened splendidly, and the mission is in good working order." By having a door cut from the school-room into the chapel, there will be greater facilities for work and a larger number in the school. This is the month for Conference; but in the absence of the pastor, services are regularly conducted by our missionary.

Albuquerque.

Harwood Home has more than fulfilled its promise at the beginning of the year. More than thirty girls were taught, and thus come under the refining and Christianizing influence of our Home. The change in the girls was so marked after they had been in the Home a few months, that it was hard to realize that they had ever been unkempt and unwashed. As a race they are devotional, and enjoy the services in the Home. Intellectually slow, it was difficult for them to adopt habits of study. The improvement during the latter part of the year was encouraging. The year was one that has made a lasting impression upon all the girls who were in the Home. Never in their lives had they enjoyed such a Christmas. Their efforts to give pleasure to others were particularly gratifying, and the result was a most happy time for all.

The Kindergarten will be possible this year, through the gift of chairs and tables from Miss Emma Dobbins. We are looking for some other helping hand to furnish the materials.

Many girls are asking admission as beneficiaries, but only such as give promise in life and character of making Christian women will be helped in this way. We shall need the sympathetic co-operation of many Auxiliaries, if all are helped that are worthy. We have only one Industrial Home for Mexican girls, so would ask all to help a little.

A preacher's daughter was a faithful student and good girl last year. Her father paid her board and tuition, beside paying for music lessons, expecting that when she is fitted for the work to have her accompany

him and play the organ for the religious services he will conduct as a Protestant evangelist. She ought to have further advantages, but her father can do very little this year. The missionary money he receives is only enough for very meager living. Who will make it possible for us to help this one, who may be the means of breaking bread to many?

The Conference of the English Mission convened about a month ago, and as a Society we may be thankful for the visits of our Bishop McCabe and the preachers laboring among the English-speaking people.

The Conference of the Spanish Mission followed at Raton, N. M. Our Miss Anita Rodriguez attended, and received increased interest in the people among whom she is laboring as our missionary. We are specially favored in the consecrated women who are giving themselves for the glory of God and the uplifting of humanity in New Mexico.

MRS. ANNA KENT, *Secretary.*

BUREAU FOR NEW MEXICO AND ARIZONA (INDIAN).

Dulce, New Mexico.

THE school year opened last October, under the most discouraging circumstances, with an empty larder and empty purse and a lot of hungry children coming, filling up the rooms until there were neither beds or bedding to make them comfortable. What could be done? They were as hungry for knowledge as for bread, and to send them away was to keep them in ignorance, and ignorance and degradation go hand in hand. While the missionaries were deliberating, a barrel came from Trinity Church, Albany, with warm blankets and clothing, groceries, dried fruit, a ham, and all sorts of good things, bringing joy and gladness such as we who never wanted for anything can not imagine. A bed was made on the floor for two boys, who came in last, and they were supplied with warm clothing. Soon another barrel came from Rensselaer, equally valuable. Later on, a sewing-machine came from Rensselaer, and a set of shoemaker's tools from a friend. The older boys kept the shoes of the children in repair all winter. A printing-press was sent them, and some very nice work was done by the pupils.

There were fifty pupils, and fifteen in the Home; a part of the time every nook and corner were utilized for sleeping room, and now a larger number desire to come, so that more room is a positive necessity, the attic over the chapel is being ceiled, and a small dormitory made of it, but another building should be erected this year.

The spiritual needs of these children are not neglected. They are constantly taught of a Christian life, and of Christ the only Mediator between God and man, as the majority of the pupils are from homes where the Virgin is worshiped more than the Savior.

Navajo Mission.

It was the privilege of many of us to listen to Miss Mary Tripp, of this Mission, during her visit to the East the past summer, and to learn many facts concerning the needs of that noble tribe of Indians. They are slowly but surely advancing in civilization, and proving industrious, progressive, and capable of education, though ages of heathenism are back of them.

Last winter a day-school was opened for Navajo children. But few attended, as a majority of the people went to other localities to find pasture for their flock. Those who attended made as good progress as

white children would, under like circumstances. All lessons were given orally, and from blackboard. Special attention was given to teaching them religious truths. The pupils assisted in the work, in the house-cleaning, etc. It is hoped there will be a larger number this winter.

The interpreter has been converted, and is a faithful Christian, never failing to take part in the prayer-meetings, no matter how many of his people are present.

Among the white converts the past year are two very promising young white men. Mr. Harwood has promised to go to Jewett, and organize a Church class, and baptize the converts. The Navajoes are improving constantly, and Miss Tripp feels confident that we shall have a noble people among them.

The religious services are well attended by both whites and Navajoes. The latter never tire of asking questions about God and Christ and right living. When their prominent sins are touched upon, they will say, "We never had the *Book* to teach us the right way." One old Navajo, when near the close of life, was asked by the missionary what he thought was beyond the grave. He replied, "I don't know; my people have so many different ideas that I don't know what to believe;" and when she told him of salvation through Christ, he asked if the white people had known this a long time, and said, "Why did n't they tell us before; it is too late now; I can not understand it."

Mrs. E. W. SIMPSON, *Secretary*.

BUREAU FOR INDIAN AND FRONTIER WORK.

Pawnee

WILL always be a place of interest, as having been the first Indian Mission of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. It is located in the northern part of Oklahoma, and has been under the care of a committee of ladies of the Philadelphia Conference. Two years ago we transferred the Mission to the Oklahoma Conference, at its earnest request. At the request of this Conference, we take it again this year, paying the work only \$100.

The Pawnees are inclined to be industrious, and have taken land in severalty. There are less than one hundred Church members, but the tribe inclines to gentleness, and is teachable. Rev. Dolph Carrion and his wife, converted Indians, are missionaries. They prefer being under our care.

Ponca, White Eagle, Okla.

This is a part of the Pawnee Agency. There are less than a thousand Poncas. They are not so tractable as the Pawnees, and have suffered from home-sickness. They need kind and earnest treatment. They are located on the salt branch of the Arkansas River, about thirty-five miles from the Pawnees, and forty from Pawhuska, on the railroad. They are given very much to Indian life, though inclined to copy what they like of civilization, like digging wells and planting fruit trees. We trust the new missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Simms, will be able to improve their condition, and protect them from the wiles and rapacity of evil whites.

Adelaide Springer Mission, Pawhuska, Okla.

This Mission among the Osages was our second in order. Since the transference of our Indian girls' school to the United States Government, we have used our school-house for a day-school of mixed races (Indians,

half-breeds, and chiefly needy whites). A large square of ground was set off to us at the agency, where we have built a school-house and bought two cottages. These were all filled while we had the Indian girls' school. The missionary, Rev. A. G. Murray and family, occupy one cottage, which is surrounded with flowers and vines. The other is rented at ten dollars a month.

The work is hopeful among the Osages, thirty girls having been baptized at one time last May. Chief Black Dog also brought his infant daughter for baptism, giving her the name of our missionary.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society has been a useful factor in the civilization of Oklahoma.

Stickney Home and School, Lynden, Wash.

This is located in the northwestern part of Washington, on the Nooksachk River. The pupils are beneficiaries, and the average number is seventeen. Mr. J. R. Stark and his two daughters, Misses Alice and Mary, conduct the school and mission in an orderly and efficient manner. The children come from groups of Indians scattered over the country, not allowed to attend school with whites. Indeed, there is no school a large part of the year, even for whites. To save a bridge the course of the Nooksachk River was turned, so as to make an island of our little twenty-five acre farm.

The Yakimas,

Post-office, Fort Simcoe, Washington, are in the southeastern part of Washington. They number 1,500, and through the labors of "Father Wilbur," have been partially civilized. Two years Mrs. Emily C. Miller has been our missionary. She was sent there seven years ago, when Mrs. Dorchester was traveling as Secretary assistant for Indian schools. There is a strong attachment between these interesting people and Mrs. Miller. She is in all things a pastor to them, unless it be to perform the marriage ceremony. Revivals are frequent. Let it be remembered that Indian missions possess the new country for Christ. Should not every Auxiliary devote something to our Indian missions, as a thank-offering for their lands, which we possess, and for *which they have not been paid*.

MRS. H. C. McCABE, *Secretary*.

BUREAU FOR ALASKA.

WITH a deep sense of gratitude for the steady progress which has marked every step of the way in this year's work, I am devoutly thankful I can bring you only joy and gladness, and believe the signal success of the material interests is but a means unto the end that will aid us in reaching out after a greater number to be won from darkness to the light. The action of the General Executive Committee, requesting me to visit and investigate our work in Alaska during the year, has been complied with, and I return to you with enlarged ideas of the needs of missionary endeavor, not only on the Aleutian Islands, but all over that vast Territory. I come to you after over six months' absence with a great longing in my soul for the fellowship of those who "know Him." I can say truly, I have "dwelt in the tents of wickedness." I have not been in a Protestant Church or heard a sermon or a prayer, save in our Mission at Unalaska. Bishop Bompas, of the Church of England, who has been upon the Yukon for many years, says: "I view with alarm the conse-

quence of neglecting the spiritual interests of the English-speaking people in our mission-fields, while seeking the conversion of the heathen. Such seems to be the danger, I much fear the influence, of the neglected miners, who are now pressing into this country, will undo the work we have been attempting for the past twenty years. The worst evil to the Indians has been the introduction of intoxicating drinks among them." I want to emphasize these statements, every word of which is true, and more also. Starvation is evident, and yet cargoes of whisky instead of food are sent up the river, and I want right here to *protest* with all the power I have against this state of things. The whole tone is against Christianity and its uplifting influences. The truth is, missionaries are not welcome, and none but strong, all-rounded Christians should be sent; such workers would win in time. At Dawson and Circle City I was besieged by the *few* who see the situation as it is, to send some one who *can preach* to these miners—"We will pay them if they are the *right kind*," etc. Will our Church arise at this critical time, and try to redeem herself from the neglect she has so long been guilty of in regard to Alaska, and help to take this land, whose resources are practically untouched, for the King of kings? The sacrifice for gold is unprecedented. Talk about the missionaries' sacrifice! It is as *nothing* compared with the experiences of some who have gone to this New Eldorado. I have visited most of the mission stations in Alaska, save those in the extreme Arctic region. I endeavored to observe closely, and come home with great pride in our Jesse Lee Home; the comparisons are in our favor. Misses Sowle and Rinch, our devoted missionaries, are doing valiant service. They have the respect and confidence of the whole village. Miss Sowle's knowledge of medicine has proved an open door in a number of cases. The "fleet" physician said to me, "Her knowledge and skill in sickness is a boon to this Home; beside she has such good common sense." I can not speak too highly of her associate, and the Christian character manifest in the lives of each.

The Government teachers are a host in themselves. Miss Elizabeth Mellor, the Superintendent, is permeated with the missionary spirit, and is as interested in our work as if she was our own missionary, which she practically is. Her sister, Miss Ada, is her assistant. She has just graduated from the Baptist Missionary Training-school in Chicago, and comes with all the enthusiasm and earnestness of a consecrated worker. She is an addition to the staff, with which we are all charmed.

If you could just peep in when these four young women are engaged in their "sacred hour," talking with each other, the open Word before them, and then listen to the petitions that, I am sure, reach the Throne, you would then know why it is that harmony and the sweetest spirit prevail. Pray for these chosen ones as you would for your own household, that these vessels for the Master's use may be made very meet.

There have been a number of changes in the Home during the summer. Five of our girls have gone to the Government School at Carlisle, Pa. One has been taken by Mr. P. B. Weare, of Chicago, to be educated. One boy, "Ivan," has gone to the Mother's Jewels Home. Two have been married, and the home-keeping is so superior to those about them that we are glad to have these object-lessons in our midst. Three have been taken to their homes on other islands, and one has been transplanted to a brighter clime. Her older sister began to weep when told of "Rosy's" home-going, but she soon looked up and said, "I am not crying because she is gone—for Rosy was so good I know she is saved—but I am afraid if I grow up I will be a bad woman." The atmosphere the child had lived in before coming to the Home was all against purity, and she was realizing the difference. The fact is that virtue is the

exception, and we must save the children, oftentimes *in spite* of the parents. You will be glad to learn that our new building is an assured fact. When I decided to go and look after the building, I tried to get one of the companies to take a contract for completing and putting the building in a safe condition, but no one would even estimate upon it. There was only one thing left, and that was to go myself and get it done by day-labor. I was favored in being able to secure two suitable workmen, with native help to assist them. The Klondike fever began to burn soon after we had started, and the men came and went in proportion as they could get larger wages for a few days when vessels came in bound for the Yukon; so we have been belated, but are now comfortably housed, and the "finishing up" is being done. In consequence of a rise in freights, and having to pay more for materials and workmen than we anticipated, we have gone beyond our appropriation, but not enough to embarrass the Treasurer. I only wish I could take you to see how commodious and comfortable we are. I will show you a picture during the year—one you will each want to purchase. It is with devout thankfulness I say to you who have given the money for this Home, "You have builded better than you knew." I am no longer ashamed of our Mission quarters, but in danger of being "puffed up" so happy am I; and so are you, for does not this work belong to *all* of us? And I desire to emphasize *the fact* that it is our *foreign field* at home, under our flag; aye, under our *own* flag; for be it known to you that our President gave us a beauty! It is 12 by 20, and the good women of Tacoma furnished a flag-pole eighty feet long, the raising of which I can not tell you about in this brief report. I have talked flag and patriotism so much that good friends sent me twelve dozen small flags while on the field, and I want to say that the followers of the Czar are wondering what all this means, and whither will it tend.

When I left the Home, October 16th, there were thirty-four in the Home. We hear of others who are coming from a distance, and it is not safe to provide for less than forty. With our increased facilities we will be able to do more efficient work. There are sixty-seven in the day-school, the largest number ever in attendance. I visited our Mission Home in Unga, and took supper with Mr. and Mrs. McKinney in our Martha Ellen Stevens Cottage. Mr. McKinney is in charge of the Government school. Mrs. McKinney has all the missionary work she can attend to with her own little flock. They are doing good work in the lives they lead, in uprightness of character before the mixed population about them, in educating, and in the moral tone they inculcate. Unga needs a preacher; the gold-mines there bring many people, and no one to tell them about the "Mighty to Save."

Let me urge you to consider the advisability of a small hospital in connection with our Jesse Lee Home. It is an absolute necessity for ourselves, the village, and the hosts of people who are in the ports. Two sea captains called upon me in one afternoon to know if there was any place where they could get help. One man had fallen down a hatchway, and was seriously injured; another had passengers on board ill. At the same time one of our own children lay dying for lack of medicine and surgical treatment. I wish I could paint this *need* as I saw it, and some great heart would furnish the exchequer. I can think of nothing that would so advance our work and give us an *open sesame* as that of a hospital. The prejudice that exists with the Græco-Russian Church and her priesthood against all other denominations, and the fact that the people are priest-ridden, make it difficult to reach them. That we have had no clergyman, and consequently no one to perform the sacraments of the Church, has put us at great disadvantage, and I am much gratified to learn that Bishop McCabe, of our beloved Church, realizing the great

need of help in that direction, has appointed a presiding elder for Alaska, who, together with the helpers he will no doubt select very soon to assist him, will be strong co-workers with us in spreading the gospel in the Aleutian Islands and in other parts of Alaska. And I am further gratified that the Missionary Board, at its recent session in Philadelphia, has appropriated \$2,000 for work in Alaska.

While there is so much interest in the gold-fields, can we not have as much interest in souls that, according to our creed, are more valuable than all the gold of the Klondike or Minook? Do not let us vacillate or loiter in our effort to give the gospel in its fullness to these perishing ones. I also crave your continued help in our Christian Training and Industrial Home.

Our workers are no longer cramped and hampered for want of room; a new joy lights up their faces, and they can truly say, "Thou hast put gladness in my heart more than in the time past."

I have come into vital and more intimate relations with the noble force of workers on the field, and I have seen how they "enjoy so much, and suffer so much, for which no gold can pay."

Alaska offerings are peculiarly significant and sacred at this time, and I ask for a fresh impulse towards this work. Frederick the Great, it is said, was successful in his offensive tactics, mainly because he fully realized that a stop or pause in the attacking movement amounted to a check, if not a failure. He never encouraged halts or rests, even to gain breathing time, but did everything to avoid them. His example might be followed to advantage by many Christian workers. O, help us sow the *good seed*, "and know that the sower shall some time be in at the feast!" At "Alert Bay" the missionary found an old woman sitting by her fire, looking very lonely. He sat down beside her on a box which she offered him for a seat. Knowing a little of her language, he said a few words to her about her Savior, and after awhile she said, "Sing to me;" so he sang "Rock of Ages" and "Lord, remember me," in the vernacular. She said, "Those are good words, they make my heart strong." And this lonely Indian woman felt just as you and I do—the hymns of Zion make our "hearts strong." Need I say more than to ask you to ponder, and "inwardly digest" the following?—

"And they came to the gate within the wall, where Peter holds the keys.

'Stand up, stand up, now, Tomlinson, and answer loud and high
The good that ye did for the sake of men or ever ye came to die—
The good that ye did for the sake of men in the little earth so lone!
And the naked soul of Tomlinson grew white as a rain-washed bone.

'This I have read in a book,' he said, 'and that was told to me;
And this I have thought that another man thought of a prince in Muscovey.'—

And Peter twirled the jangling keys in weariness and wrath.

'Ye have read, ye have heard, ye have thought,' he said, 'and the tale is yet to run:

By the worth of the body that once ye had, give answer, what have ye done?'"

ANNA F. BEILER, *Secretary*.

BUREAU FOR IMMIGRANTS.

27 State Street, New York.

(Reported by Mrs. J. E. Slayback.)

THE immigrants that have come under the care of this Home during the past year are of a much better grade than when the steamer rates were at lower figures. They are more intelligent, more industrious, and in a better financial condition.

To Miss Mathews, who is still busy in the missionary work, has come an unexpected and unusual experience. In the month of May a fire swept over Ellis Island, destroying all the buildings and everything connected with them. There were two hundred immigrants there at the time, for whom a place of shelter had to be hurriedly provided, and those ill in the hospital taken to the different institutions of the kind in the city. This was no small task, requiring patience and untiring energy, and indeed, until the new buildings at Ellis Island are ready for habitation, the work must be more laborious than ever before, but Miss Mathews is full of courage and spirit, ready for all duties to which she may be called.

The work at 27 State Street is strictly immigrant work; there are no side issues, and the following figures represent loving, conscientious labor given with cheerful hearts and willing hands, but not until the contents of the Book of Records, kept in that other Home, are revealed, will it ever be known what blessed influences have gone out from this Home; for by lifting and helping one, we lift and help the many:

STATISTICAL REPORT.

Number of steamers met.....	734
Number of lodgings provided.....	2,086
Number of meals furnished.....	8,042
Number of women provided for.....	112
Number of children.....	20
Number of Protestants.....	125
Number of Catholics.....	10
Number of nations represented.....	41
Number of situations procured.....	31
Number of papers and tracts distributed.....	2,500
Number of letters and postals written.....	517
Number of telegrams sent.....	85
Number of girls sent to friends.....	26

72 and 74 Marginal Street, East Boston, Mass.

(Reported by Mrs. G. W. Mansfield.)

Our work enlarges, and the influence of the Home and the workers is more and more appreciated, not only among those needing its uplifting influence, but on the piers among the officials. The intuitive knowledge and keenness of perception manifested by our missionary, enabling her to read human nature and ferret out the evil-doer, are appreciated by those in authority, and blessings flow out to the remote as well as the incoming stranger. Repairs of papering and painting have been quite extensive in the Home, and the expense comparatively trifling, because the work was the gift of two young men, who spent many hours of their vacation in

this ministry of love. The following is the numerical record of the work for the year ending September 1, 1897:

Number of steamers met.....	46
Number of inmates in Home.....	411
Number of women.....	271
Number of men.....	112
Number of children.....	28
Number of Protestants.....	364
Number of Catholics.....	29
Number of nations represented.....	14
Number of nights lodgings furnished.....	3,087
Number of meals served.....	10,839
Number of days given to the work.....	334
Number of religious meetings held.....	159
Number of postals and letters written.....	331
Number of calls on the sick.....	55
Number of Sunday-school sessions.....	44
Number of Sewing-school sessions.....	36
Number of papers, tracts, and cards distributed.....	4,378
Number of times the work represented.....	26
Number of situations secured.....	15
Number of telegrams sent.....	21
Number of girls sent to friends.....	36

Vine Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

(Reported by May L. Brown.)

The inquiry has often been made, How much of your work is, immigrant, and how much missionary? A question difficult to answer, a problem hard to solve; a large percentage being immigrant, though less than in former years; and yet all missionary, 108 persons having been sheltered, including 71 women and 37 children, 79 being Protestants and 29 Roman Catholics, representing six nationalities; out of this number, as near as we can compute, 84 having been immigrants and emigrants. For these, to whom a helping hand has been given, there have been furnished 1,418 meals, of which 932 were free, and 486 paid; 482 lodgings furnished, 336 being free, and 146 paid. You will observe that the larger part of meals and lodgings are free.

The workers report having met 81 steamers, made 495 missionary calls, 84 business calls, 111 sick calls, 1,747 Bibles and Testaments distributed, 925 papers and tracts given out, 13 situations secured, 822 garments given out; also fruit and groceries to the value of \$34.69. We acknowledge donations received from the following named Churches and friends: St. John's, Kensington, and Arch Street, Mrs. E. W. Scofield, Mrs. Rassmuser, Miss Pendleberry, Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Bowen, Mrs. Dailey, Mrs. J. C. Chubb, Mrs. R. S. Patterson, and Mrs. M. A. Taylor; also Deaconess Home.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF IMMIGRANTS' HOME.

Number of steamers met.....	81
Number of lodgings furnished.....	483
Number of meals furnished.....	1,418
Number of missionary calls.....	495
Number of calls on the sick.....	111

Number of Bibles and Testaments distributed.....	1,747
Number of papers and tracts distributed.....	925
Number of situations procured.....	13
Number of persons sheltered.....	108
Number of women.....	71
Number of children.....	37
Number of Protestants.....	79
Number of Catholics.....	29
Number of nations represented.....	6

MRS. J. E. SLAYBACK, *Secretary.*

WATTS DE PEYSTER HOME.

Tivoli, New York.

THIS Home has thrice celebrated Founder's-day, and is now passing through its fourth year of existence. In reviewing the past twelve months, we find very much to stir our gratitude; much progress in all lines to record; faithful, self-sacrificing service on the part of our workers; kind and constant helpfulness from friends, old and new.

An important change for the better has been made in the fitting up of the new kitchen. Instead of the low and poorly-lighted basement room of other days, we now have a large, well-lighted southeast room on the first floor, with new range and other suitable furnishings. By this means some of our industrial training can be much more successfully given, and we see a corresponding improvement in the work of the girls. The classes for sewing, mending, and darning show excellent work. Even girls so young as seven and eight years reward the patience of the instructor by developing marked skill in the use of the needle.

The school instruction is giving very satisfactory results, and is in competent hands. The health of the children has been excellent. Forty-eight are now in the Home, and a larger number of applications have been presented to the committee during the past six months than during any similar length of time heretofore.

Some of our older girls have finished their training with us, and have found excellent homes; others will soon be going out, and their places will be filled by those who need a Christian home and practical training. So the years go on, and we believe God's hand is guiding the work and the workers.

MRS. JAMES M. KING, *Chairman of the Committee.*

ELIZABETH E. MARCY HOME.

THE following extracts from the report of the Committee on Employees indicate the advance movement in our work during the past year:

"Your Committee beg leave to report that they have given much time and thought to obtaining workers for the Elizabeth E. Marcy Home. Miss Randall, of Utah, was the first secured. She was a deaconess, and in some ways an effective worker. She was unsettled about remaining in Chicago when she first came; and by mutual arrangement it was agreed that she should give up her work with us in September, closing a period of five months.

"Mrs. Anna Ritter came to the Home in July from Michigan, as

matron for the Home, and has very efficiently filled this position since; and in addition has conducted much of the mission work.

"Mrs. Wheeler came to the work of the mission in September, having been engaged in similar work for many years past, and most recently in Ogden, Utah. She is proving very helpful, and will continue to assist in the conduct of the boys' and girls' clubs, the Industrial School, and other important lines.

"Two students from the Chicago Training-school assist in the Saturday sewing-school, and eight or ten young people from the city and suburbs give valuable assistance in the various classes and clubs that occupy almost every evening in the week. Miss Bertha Fowler, a graduate of Garrett Biblical Institute, conducts a Sunday afternoon service. Our missionaries co-operate with Rev. Voslar Karle in the work of the Bohemian Mission, which has its headquarters at the Marcy Home. They attend the regular Church service of this Mission, teach in its Sunday-school, and visit among its members.

"Your Committee urges that every Church in our connection secure at least two efficient workers to go to the Home once each week, and assist in the Sunday service, in the week-night clubs, visiting department, and numerous other lines of work that are now in operation, or will be begun as our helping force is increased.

"We are promised two deaconesses in the spring from the Washington Home, and your Committee, while aware that our force of workers is inadequate to the work waiting to be done in our locality, are nevertheless encouraged to hope that in one or two years we shall probably be able to report a large and efficient force of regular and occasional workers and missionaries.

"With this hope, your Committee asks your patience if the work must necessarily move slowly at present, and urges your loyal and hearty co-operation in all ways that will promote the advancement of the work already begun.

Respectfully submitted.

"EMMA W. ROGERS, *Chairman.*"

The instrumentalities above enumerated, and the more correct appreciation of our people as to method and means, as well as the increasing light and knowledge that time brings, all are helping on our work.

Our several departments are becoming better systematized. The sewing-school is now under the supervision of Miss Louise Whitehead, who is training both teachers and pupils in a complete method, from first stitches to a finished garment. Our young people are organized into evening clubs, that meet once a week for literary exercises. These are in charge of the resident workers.

Friday and Saturday evenings are open to a promiscuous crowd, who are entertained and instructed by a corps of young people from Evanston and adjoining suburbs.

The kinder and kitchen gartens are in full operation.

Our connection with the Bohemian Mission is still maintained, and our workers are attendants upon its religious services, and teachers in the Sunday-school.

We are thankful to note in these things a steady advance towards the ideal that lies before us, and which, with time and faith and patience, we believe to be perfectly attainable.

The report of the Committee on the new "Home" shows as follows:

In March, 1896, when the building was completed, we were owing a floating debt of \$1,800 or more. This has all been canceled, and \$1,300 paid on the bonded debt, making, with other indispensable outlays on the

property, not less than \$3,500 paid, thus reducing the present debt to less than \$6,000.

We are at work to extinguish this debt, which, while it need not of necessity cripple the work that is ripe for development in any line, does nevertheless absorb, in a degree, energy demanded for successful enterprise.

We have to record with the closing year many special favors; and we believe the hand of Providence is over us for good, and that we have but to "get ready our spindle and our distaff, and God will furnish the flax."

E. E. MARCY, *Chairman*.

GLENN INDUSTRIAL HOME.

West Fourth Street, Cincinnati.

THE Glenn Industrial Home, 641 West Fourth Street, is the property of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the special work of the Cincinnati Conference. The year that has just closed is the sixth of its history. Mrs. D. E. Taylor, who was Secretary of the Cincinnati Conference of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, has been Superintendent during the year, while Mrs. Robert Clement has attended to the details of the housekeeping. Mrs. Allison, Superintendent of Missions, through her long training in our Bohemian work in Chicago, was enabled to accomplish the work of several women; Miss Feakins, a successful Christian worker, has been her able assistant. Miss Lingkenfelter and Miss Wolfer were our kindergartners, while Mrs. Stone, of Hartwell, has gratuitously given her services as teacher of dressmaking and plain sewing.

The lines of work carried on at the Home, for convenience, are arranged in five departments.

RELIGIOUS.—Under this department we have a Sunday-school numbering seventy-five, held at the corner of Fifth and Front Streets. Regular sessions are conducted each Sabbath morning. Our friends would greatly enjoy looking into the bright faces of the scholars, and listening to their hearty singing and intelligent answers to questions.

Evangelistic services are held each Thursday evening at the Mission. The attendance is large. We believe much good is being accomplished, especially in strengthening the faith of those who, though Christians, are in every sense babes in Christ. We have had a number of conversions, several of whom have joined our neighboring Churches. It is our most heartfelt desire to aid our down-town Churches in their struggle for city evangelization.

The **EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT** consists of two kindergartens, one at Glenn Home, the other at the Mission. Our kindergartners are earnest, consecrated Christian women, zealous for the spiritual development of the child as well as the mental. One hundred little ones are under their care. There is nothing more inspiring in our work than the clean, happy faces of these children, many of whom come to us neatly dressed in garments furnished by our Auxiliaries. Under the head of Educational we may also place our well-equipped reading-room at the Mission, where a company of young men, under the direction of the missionaries, are encouraged to read and study along lines that will prepare them for the responsibilities of life. We must care for the men and boys during the week, and thus keep them out of the saloon.

The **INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT** has three sewing classes for smaller girls—one of which consists of colored children—"The Young Ladies' Industrial Club," "Two Kitchengarten Classes," and a Technical Class

for boys. The younger girls are learning plain sewing, crocheting, knitting, etc. "The Young Ladies' Club" includes twenty-eight young women from sixteen to twenty years of age. They meet twice a week for lessons in Arithmetic, Elementary Book-keeping, Plain Sewing, and Dressmaking. The kitchengarten classes are truly missionary. How often the misery of the home is due to ignorance as well as poverty! In helping the daughters to make home comfortable, we believe we are furnishing another means of keeping the fathers and brothers out of the saloon. The technical class was in charge of Mr. Howard Altman, of the Cincinnati Technical School, whose services were gratuitous.

The MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT comprises the Glenn Home Auxiliary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. This Auxiliary meets weekly, and is composed of the female members of the Mission, some of whom earn their membership fee over the washtub. They contributed forty-three dollars and fifty cents towards the expenses of the Mission during the year. The "Willing Hearts," a band of children, raised seven dollars towards the furnishings of the Mission; and thirty-five of the very small children gave three dollars and fifty cents to the Mother's Jewels Home. The "Glenn Home Mothers' Club" has assisted in making and repairing garments for their poorer neighbors. Thus all are experiencing the joy of helpfulness, and are hastening the coming of our Lord.

Our missionaries report that the City Hospital has been visited weekly. Two thousand bouquets of flowers, sent in by friends, besides a large number of papers and tracts, have been distributed. Fifteen hundred visits have been made among the poor. Members of our Auxiliaries, from time to time, have accompanied the missionaries. This has proved to be a great inspiration to them, and a help to the workers. Come and see the needs of our work, dear friend, that we may hereafter count on your interest and sympathy. Two hundred garments have been given to the very poor. Very many more have been sold at our quarterly sales for trifling sums. The Woman's Home Missionary Society desires to inculcate self-helpfulness, and believes it is better for our people to be buyers than beggars.

The SOCIAL DEPARTMENT has been the source of much profit and enjoyment. We are indebted to Professor and Mrs. Sherwood, Dr. Morrell, and the Misses Edwards, of Mt. Lookout, Mrs. De Witt and Miss Burt, of Mt. Auburn, for pleasant evenings of music and recitation. Two picnics have been given. A Pumpkin Social at Thanksgiving was a novelty, the proceeds furnishing eleven baskets of food for our poorest families. Our young folks were remembered at the Christmas festival. Each of the clubs and sewing classes has given entertainments, which have helped to develop the latent powers of their members, and have supplied funds for current expenses. This department has been greatly assisted by the young ladies of Trinity, Norwood, Avondale, the "Sunshine Weavers" of Hartwell, and the Junior League of Linwood.

We desire most heartily to thank all individuals, Auxiliaries, Circles, and Bands, who have lent a helping hand during the year. We could not carry on the work without their aid.

The Treasurer, Mrs. George H. Thompson, reports receipts, \$1,946.41; disbursements, \$1,909.95; balance, \$36.46.

A large number of valuable supplies have been sent in by the Auxiliaries, Circles, and Bands, which have materially curtailed our expenses, and have helped the poor.

Dear friend, when disbursing charity, remember Glenn Home and its needs.

MRS. I. D. JONES, *Chairman*.

MRS. LEWIS CURTS, *Vice-Chairman*.

MRS. CHARLES B. STEVENS, *Recording Secretary*.

MOTHERS' JEWELS HOME.

WE have received only kindest forbearance and encouragement from the General Board of Trustees, while Brother and Sister Spurlock have been all that could be desired as to patience in kindly aiding to secure fullest information, which has cost them much answering of questions and research of records.

Mr. and Mrs. Spurlock, also the matron, are indeed chosen instruments of the Father, equipped by natural as well as educational advantages, but, best of all by Christian graces, for their particular positions. Their self-sacrificing devotion to this work could not be excelled. Their helpers are also each worthy of highest commendation for faithfulness and efficiency, and are thoroughly appreciated by the Committee and Board.

The untiring kindness and generosity of the good people of York remain, as from the beginning, unstinted, for which we are inexpressibly thankful to them and to God.

From October 1, 1896, to October 1, 1897, forty-five children have been placed in homes. Nine of these have been returned, leaving only thirty-six permanently located by adoption or articles of agreement. Our children are placed on trial for six months before final arrangements are made by adoption or contract.

The children received this year were: One from Alaska, and the remainder from the States of Missouri, Colorado, Iowa, Utah, Montana, and Indiana. Thirty-three were Americans; the remainder were Germans, Bohemians, Irish, and Scandinavians. Their ages range from infants to fifteen years (one is sixteen). The majority are from five to nine years. The latest arrival was an infant about ten days old, found rolled up in an old shawl, near one of the railway depots of York. By request of city mayor and attorney, it was surrendered to the Home.

During the past three months seventy-eight children have been inmates of the Home. Fifty-five are now enrolled. Twelve of these children have their board paid wholly or in part by relatives.

Mrs. Spurlock has traveled six thousand miles, counting her trip to Toronto, where she was sent by the State Board of Charities, and has done excellent service for our Society, as well as the Home, by these trips. She has given forty-two public addresses, and held many parlor meetings. Mr. and Mrs. Spurlock have written seventeen hundred letters, besides numerous postals, during the year.

The City School Board requested that our Society supply one teacher, as the number of children sent from the Home necessitated the hiring of one extra. To save this expense, the children of the first five grades are taught in the Home by our kindergarten teacher, with aid of the oldest girl.

Dr. Leonard and Bishop Ninde were at the Home several times during the Annual Conference which convened at York in September, and greatly cheered the workers and children by their kind commendation.

Benefits received by the Home this year, have been:

A beautiful United States flag, 18 x 24 feet, presented by Mrs. M. T. Carey, of Cincinnati.

Donation by Father Harnley of five acres of land across the street from the Dormitory, to the children for a flower-garden.

Sunday-school Lesson Helps and papers, which have been supplied upon application to the Sunday-school Union.

Fruit, forest, and ornamental trees, shrubs and plants, valued, at low-

est estimate, at least \$150; Robbie, a former inmate of the Home, sending \$50 worth of these.

City water supply, at cost of \$570.37. This furnishes protection against fire, and lawn service.

Organization of a Junior League and Tenth Club in Home.

An Auditing Committee of two able business men, members of the Church, and holding responsible positions as county and city officers. These are not especially committed to the interests of the Home, but are unprejudiced and impartial.

Quarterly greetings.

Our Home is in need of memorial windows, and door and window plates; the former to protect the building from ravages of storms, as these spaces are only boarded up; but no less of the plates for memorializing rooms, doors, and windows, for which the sum designated by the former Chairman of Committee, Mrs. A. R. Clark, has been paid into the treasury of the Society. We must and will keep good faith with these people, to the fullest extent within range of possibilities and the complicated circumstances.

August 1, 1897, the Home had standing on its credit page of our General Treasury \$120. This shows the necessity for effort to raise money for this work. The money could and should be raised by the children of our Methodism. How fitting and freighted with blessings to the little donors, as well as homeless recipients! The humanitarian feature appeals to the sympathies and pockets of even the irreligious, as all who study this question recognize in these benefits of home and education saving the children from pauperism and vagrancy, which pollutes public morals and taxes criminal courts. This is crystallized Christianity, or "Christianity in earnest," as it not only provides comfortable homes, but education on every line that builds up moral character and righteousness.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society is stronger as a whole because of this line of its work. Home-making for homeless children captivates the merely humane, as well as Christian and patriotic; helps us give physical comfort and happiness for their want and suffering, Christian education and culture for their ignorance, thereby building up good citizenship and Churches, instead of leaving them to drift into Christlessness and anarchism.

Mrs. J. P. NEGUS, *Chairman of Committee.*

BUREAU FOR DEACONESS WORK.

THE deaconess work has proven to be one of the strong arms of service of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Instead of lessening interest in the other departments of service, these all have strengthened and prospered since the Society has been most actively engaged in prosecuting deaconess work. There are now about \$180,000 invested in its Homes, and over one hundred and fifty deaconesses in active labor under the direction of the Deaconess Bureau. These deaconesses are acting as nurses among the sick poor; as visiting deaconesses under the direction of pastors; as missionaries in visiting the aged, the needy, and the helpless; as Conference evangelists; as teachers in industrial schools and kindergartens, and heads of missions and orphanages, and assistants in varied forms of Christian philanthropy. No one can foresee the extent to which this work will develop in the present era of social sympathies. It is a most effective and intimate factor in solving the social matters of the day. I call upon all women of the Woman's Home Missionary Soci-

ety, who read these lines, to co-operate heartily with the Manager of the Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school in your Conference, if you know of good candidates for deaconesses, to write the Manager concerning them; to interest Christian women of means in the enlargement of our National Training-school at Washington, which is pitifully inadequate to the needs of our work, a large number of students being obliged to room outside the building.

The present is an opportune time to ask for pledges, both from individuals and Conference Societies, as we are projecting a new building to accommodate fifty to seventy-five students, to be named "Rust Hall," in recognition of the founder of our Society, who has worked unceasingly and laboriously in its behalf.—Mrs. Elizabeth Lowndes Rust,—and also will keep in loving memory the name of Dr. Richard S. Rust, its constant and unswerving friend.

During the year a permanent home has been secured for the Rest Home for Deaconesses and Missionaries at Ocean Grove, which is a valuable adjunct to our work. The missionaries from the South and from the frontiers mingle with the deaconesses from the cities, to the advantage of all classes of workers, and both physical and spiritual recuperation are combined in this beautiful summer retreat.

Lucy Webb Hayes National Training-School.

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During the scholastic year, which closed in May last, the number of pupils reached the highest mark ever attained, making it necessary to rent lodgings outside our building and annex. Both the literary work

of the school, and the practical work of conducting kindergarten and other mission schools were in advance of any previous year.

The graduating class numbered eight. These, together with one post-graduate student, are now in the employ of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, doing excellent service in various fields of labor.

Our present Senior Class is the largest we have ever had. We shall come nearer meeting the demand for workers than has been possible hitherto. The Junior Class is smaller, but only because the rooms at our disposal can not accommodate more. Numerous applications from most desirable candidates still continue, and it would be possible to double our numbers had we space in our lecture-rooms or at our table to give them.

Greatly to our regret, our former preceptress, of whose admirable character and valuable services I have frequently spoken, accepted a position elsewhere, and resigned her place with us. Miss Ida H. Rogers, who for some years has been an enthusiastic and satisfactory kindergarten teacher, accepted the offer made by me to perform the duties of preceptress in conjunction with her work. Miss Rogers has brought spirituality, zeal, and great executive ability to her new work, and her administration has been entirely successful in gaining the affection of the students and the confidence of the Managers.

Miss Margaret S. Wilson, a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, has been added to our Faculty, teaching classes in rhetoric and English literature, besides other regular studies. As an assistant to the preceptress, as well as by her character and abilities as a teacher, she is displaying such efficiency that we congratulate ourselves on our acquisition.

While most of our instructors of last year continue their able service, others have been added. Our Faculty is the best we have ever had. Our course of instruction is now more comprehensive and thorough than ever before, and there has been a very perceptible elevation of the standard of the institution. It is no holiday task in which our students are engaged, but one requiring active brain-work and constant attention.

The studies prescribed by the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church form the basis of our curriculum. The text-books form but a part, however, of our course of instruction. In addition, lectures are given by able teachers on all these subjects, and many lines of study and work not laid down in the prescribed course are pursued.

The Bible is taught systematically and thoroughly. Great attention is given to Church doctrines, polity, and history. Ethics and social science are carefully taught. Our Kindergarten Department is not excelled anywhere in comprehensiveness and efficiency. All students are required to study such branches of medicine, as well as of hygiene and nursing, as shall give them knowledge of sanitation, and fit them to aid in the sick-room. Vocal music and physical expression are taught by experts in these branches. The school being organized into an ideal Woman's Home Missionary Society, acquaintance with Bureaus of the Society is gained, as well as practice in parliamentary law. More stress is being laid upon Bible readings. By the generous offer of Mrs. Spencer, of the Spencerian Business College, methods of business are taught with all the appliances of the college. Domestic science is taught to a select class at the cooking-school of the city. Our aim is to give to our students such training as shall fit them for the conduct of meetings, organization of societies, as kindergartners, as well as distributors of charity, for evangelistic work, and as visiting or nurse deaconesses, missionaries, and teachers in all the varied fields of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Washington City offers peculiar advantages for securing the services

of experts in the branches of education, labor questions, social science, etc., and we are kindly offered the aid of these in the instruction of our students.

We believe that no school of its kind in this country offers advantages greater than the Lucy Webb Hayes, and it was never so qualified to give advanced instruction as now.

The time has now come, however, when new buildings, greater facilities, and an increase in our resident Faculty are a necessity. The demand for skilled and trained laborers in philanthropic work, which really requires the highest grade of knowledge and practical wisdom, is increasing. The educational and moral standard of those applying for admission is also advancing. To refuse to respond to these demands will be fatal to the welfare of the school. It can, in number of pupils and character of instruction, keep pace with the growing requirements of the times, only as it shall secure the generous support of the Society, and a share in the gifts of the benevolent.

The religious life of the school continues, as heretofore, to be marked by that deep spirituality, cheerful and happy piety, and Christ-like spirit of helpfulness which have made it a gate of heaven to all that have partaken of its privileges.

Aldrich Memorial Home.

401 Lyon Street, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Mrs. W. J. ALDRICH, Superintendent.

In October, 1897, the Aldrich Memorial Home opened its training-school, which will, it is hoped with God's blessing, greatly extend its influence and usefulness. Six deaconesses and students are in the training-school, and one in the hospital now training for a nurse. A fine lecture course, with Biblical, medical, and practical departments, has been arranged for. The outlined course of training that has been printed seems attractively helpful, and has secured the co-operation of the pastors of our own and sister Churches. Especially thanks should be given to those who are cheerfully and cordially serving as lecturers and teachers. Some come even from out of the city, giving their services gratuitously, and paying their own expenses. The deaconesses are employed in aiding pastors, nursing the sick, teaching industrial schools and Bible classes, and in relief work.

Baltimore.

708 West Lombard Street.

Miss ANNIE LEIDIGH, Superintendent.

The facts given below, are obtained from the Corresponding Secretary's description of the work in the Baltimore Annual Report.

These quotations will give the various features of this prosperous work. This Home is one of the few that always maintains a balance in the treasury.

"Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." The small twig planted a little over five years ago has grown into a goodly fruit-bearing tree. The year began with eight deaconesses, including the Superintendent. Various additions to the furnishing of the Home have added to the comfort and happiness of the inmates. A kindergarten on Parkin Street was enlarged, and an additional helper secured. It is now allied with the David Rogers Mission. There are four industrial schools and two kindergartens, under the supervision of the deaconesses. The work done in the several departments seems wonderful. Nearly eight hundred

children have been enrolled and taught in these schools. The Seaman's Bethel School, conducted by Miss Davis, opened with 185 on the roll. Though assisted by faithful workers from various Churches, her duties are arduous. Much improvement has been noted in the scholars, both in manners and morals. Girls have gone from this school to become self-supporting. In whatever capacity they may have to earn a livelihood, the training they receive here is their best equipment. There is a Saturday evening school for boys united with this work. The children are mostly of Catholic and Jewish parentage. The industrial school for colored girls, called the Bishop Taylor Mission, numbers one hundred. This school has much of promise in it. In February a kindergarten was opened at the Bohemian Mission, under the patronage of Strawbridge Church, which supplies the material for its use. The school opened with fourteen little foreigners, only three of whom could speak English. They soon showed such progress, that at the Easter entertainment they had learned to speak many English words, and to sing the songs with understanding. Two trained nurses have regularly entered in district nursing in a systematic manner; St. John's Church having furnished a "Loan Closet," which is generously supplied with bedding and all material needed for a work of this kind. Hospital visiting is undertaken by all the deaconesses. It is the testimony of these workers that this line of work needs especial vigilance, that our Protestant sisters may bring their great message to every bedside. Visits have been made to the penitentiary, the jail, and the almshouse; poor children have been hunted up for the fresh air fund, and the work has been presented in various places effectively. The Superintendent's report shows that the deaconesses "have been in labors abundant." Some important gifts have been made to the Board of Managers for the poor fund. The Board is ready to enlarge the work as rapidly as trained workers present themselves. The one great cry is, "More helpers, more helpers!"

Brooklyn.

238 President Street.

DR. W. W. CLARK, Superintendent.

The Brooklyn Home has had a year of peace and prosperity. The most noteworthy incident of the year was the gift of a commodious Home by Mrs. Hans S. Christian, as a memorial to her honored husband. This generous offering has placed us in a fine position, saving us from all future rentals. We can now accommodate over twenty workers, giving each the privacy of a separate room. Our present staff of deaconesses, resident in the Home, numbers nine.

The second week in November was our opening week, and was a great success. Large numbers were in attendance each evening. On our first night we were honored with the presence of many distinguished visitors from different sections of the country, among whom were Bishops Andrews and Mallalieu, Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Rust, Dr. J. W. Hamilton, Lewis Curtis, H. C. Weakley, John Pearson, Mrs. Anna Kent, Mrs. Herron, and the ever active and genial President of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk. Our donations during the week in cash, furnishings, and provisions, amounted to over \$1,000.

Buffalo.

2978 Main Street.

Miss E. A. SMITH, Superintendent.

The past year has been the very best in the history of this Home. That interest is increasing was demonstrated by the raising of fifteen hundred dollars to reduce the mortgage, and complete the third story of the Home. To this thirty Churches contributed outside the city of Buffalo. June 10th was observed as Founder's-day, and the observance of this day was so successful as a means of awakening interest and securing money that hereafter it will be a permanent feature. Especial attention has been given to evangelistic work. Seventy-two Churches have had the services of the evangelists in towns varying from one to three weeks. These Churches have contributed generously to the support of the Home. The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company has given the use of an unused freight-house for our district work, affording room for industrial kitchengardens and Sunday-school for a large territory unsupplied.

The medical staff have faithfully served the charity cases reported by the nurses, bringing health and relief to hundreds of sick poor. This staff is one of the most essential adjuncts to a well-ordered Home. The Traveler's Aid has been of great benefit to the work, in calling attention of the public to the Home, and has been of untold service to those receiving aid.

Bidwell Deaconess Home.

1115 West Ninth Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Miss ELIZABETH HUMPHREY, Superintendent.

The year just closing has been an eventful one in the Des Moines-Bidwell Deaconess Home. The latter part of October, 1896, the Deaconess Home Association entered into affiliation with the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Miss Elizabeth Humphrey and Miss Belding, from the National Training-school at Washington, were placed in charge; Miss Humphrey as Superintendent, and later in the year their number was increased by Miss Robbins, a nurse deaconess from Washington. These deaconesses have worked for three Churches and at three mission points, conducted three industrial schools, and two Sunday-schools, visited hospitals and homes for the aged, assisted in revival work, besides visits made and other work accomplished, that appear in another place in the report. In May the name was changed to the Des Moines-Bidwell Deaconess Home, in honor of Major Bidwell, whose bequest of \$2,500 had been used for the purchase of the Home.

The rules of this Home are so excellent concerning supplies that they are copied here for the use of other Homes: "In shipping supplies to the Home, please observe: First, anything of use in your own home will be of use in the Deaconess Home; second, pack carefully, and before closing the box or barrel place in plain sight a list of contents, with their value and name of the town, Society, and Secretary of the Society making the contribution: then direct plainly to the Superintendent of the Home; third, prepay all charges, and write a postal to the Superintendent of the Home, informing her of the date of shipment." These simple, plain directions, if thoroughly enforced, will save many Homes vexing care.

Cleveland.

268 Woodland Avenue.

Miss E. A. McILLMOVL, Superintendent.

The Cleveland Deaconess Home has had a prosperous year, under the wise management of our efficient Board, and the gracious guidance of a good Providence. The property consists of two houses standing on one lot, facing on Woodland Avenue, and used as the residence,—the one at the rear for industrial purposes. The working force numbers thirteen, two of whom are now students in the Washington Training-school. The parish visiting work was the first form of service taken up by this Home, and is still carried on with a deepening sense of its importance and helpfulness. For the past two and a half years, a mission has been maintained in a portion of the city where such work is much needed. Almost all nationalities and shades of color, with various forms of religious creed, are represented in the attendance. A large number of "God's Probable Sons" wander in here, and find their way back to him. An excellent work, the extent of which can only be measured in eternity, is being done. Evangelistic services are held Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings. A Sunday-school and Junior League are also features of this department. A Mothers' Meeting, which promises to be a very efficient form of service, is held weekly. A song and prayer service, with a study of the Word, is the form for opening. Talks on health, on nursing the sick, on social purity, and kindred subjects have been given. Practical questions of economy, of how to prepare palatable and nutritious food, are discussed, and the best methods of housekeeping and house-making considered, and lessons on sewing given. A sewing-school is held, where both girls and boys are being trained in this handicraft, and influenced toward a better physical, mental, and spiritual life. The nursing department is proving itself a right arm of power, in giving access to hearts and homes that could not otherwise be reached. The larger part of this work is a well-established form of district nursing, thus enabling the nurses to cover much greater constituency than would be possible under any other system. As all the work of this Home looks directly toward the one object of soul-saving, no line is even considered that does not offer opportunity in this direction.

Cunningham Deaconess Home and Orphanage.

Urbana, Ill.

This beneficent institution is prospering in all its departments: efficiently, executive, and financially. Two deaconesses have been assigned to this Home from our National Training-school at Washington—Miss Mary Crawford and Miss H. F. Ganiere. They have been cordially welcomed. There have been in the Orphanage during the year thirty children. Several have been placed in permanent homes. The influence of this Home is felt throughout the Conference.

Detroit.

53 Elizabeth Street West.

Miss LUCRETIA A. GADDIS, Superintendent.

The Detroit Deaconess Home is just completing its eighth year of service. The past year has been a busy one as usual for the twelve workers connected with the Home. Miss Blackburn, the evangelistic deaconess, still continues her work throughout the Conference, going wher-

ever the pastors send for her. Miss Heartwell is Superintendent of the "Florence Crittenton Mission," but continues her relation to the Home as a deaconess. The visiting deaconesses have worked for the various Churches of the city during the year, being divided between thirteen Churches and missions. Fourteen thousand four hundred and eighty-four calls have been made. The nurses have been busy caring for the sick. It is hard to nurse in homes of poverty, but often very necessary, and the deaconesses have been rewarded by the love of the people, as well as in the renewed health of the patients.

During the summer many children have been sent to the country to enjoy the fresh air and good food of the farmhouses. Frequently permanent homes have been found for destitute children in this way. Much of the work can never be reported. Looking up cases, comforting the brokenhearted, teaching mothers to keep their homes clean and children tidy, and sometimes helping people to get moved and settled again—all these things do not count in the general report, but perhaps they do in the report kept above.

Denver.

Miss Briggs, who has been an efficient helper in the Davis Deaconess Home at Salt Lake City for several years, has been transferred to Denver for similar service. She works under the direction of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The ladies who have this work in charge anticipate such results as will prove a foundation for broader work in the immediate future.

Knoxville.

517 Henly Street.

Miss RHODA E. SIGLER, Superintendent.

Sister Rhoda Sigler gives an acceptable report of her work. She says: "The joy of our Lord is our strength for service. As we go forth 'for Jesus' sake' to do the work before us, our work is easy and delightful. When the Lord goes with the deaconess, the Home Missionary worker, into the 'waste places,' he takes every one's natural shrinking from the degraded and unclean; one's fear of filth and disease; removes our fear of wicked men, and the repulsiveness of surrounding scenes; and it makes the work that would be naturally so revolting, a perfect fascination to the consecrated heart. We can say with St. Paul, 'None of these things move me: neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.'"

In addition to the statistics found elsewhere, she tells the following touching incident: "A woman who was very sick had a few flowers carried to her. A day or two afterward she was taken to the hospital. The flowers that had been placed on the little stand beside her had lost their color; but before she was placed upon the stretcher, she reached out her thin, pale hand, and said, 'O! I must take these with me; they were so pretty and so fragrant;' and put them in the pocket of her gown, and carried them with her." One instance of the cheering message that flowers from the deaconesses have given the sick. Another work is the placing of a paper-holder and Scripture folio in the street-car waiting-room, and also in the waiting-room of the Union Depot.

Los Angeles.

622 West Eighth Street.

Miss WINIFRED SPAULDING, Superintendent.

Less than two years ago, deaconess work, as maintained in the present form, was unknown to the Southern California Conference. October 1, 1896, the Home was opened in the care of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. It began with unfurnished rooms, rented for us by Mrs. DePauw, a small collection taken at Conference, and two trained workers,—Miss Spaulding, the Superintendent from the Cleveland Home, and Miss Day, who had already given excellent service at First Church. The year closed with a comfortably-furnished Home at 602 Court Street and five trained deaconesses. In December, Miss Halstead came from Cleveland. After working a month at Grace Church, the pressing need at San Diego led the Board to send her to that point. The San Diego Church furnished her rooms, and have ably supported and co-operated with her in the work. Her place has been filled this year by Miss Phillips, a graduate of the San Francisco Training-school. Miss Turner, coming to us in January, after five and a half years faithful service in New York City, has done splendid work in the needy district about Grace Church. Being a trained nurse as well, she has been able, with limited time, to minister to the sick. Miss Spaulding, besides presenting the work in fifty-five addresses at ten different points in the Conference, gave two months' service each to Simpson and Vincent Churches, besides caring for the business interests of the Home. At the beginning of the second year, there are five trained workers in the field, four in Los Angeles and one in San Diego. The expenses of the work have been met without difficulty, on account of the great interest aroused. Statistics can not truly represent the earnest spiritual work, the sweet personal ministry, given in the name of the Master, by these faithful, hard-working sisters.

Newark Conference Deaconess Home.

300 Montgomery Street, Jersey City, N. J.

Mrs. ——— CLARK, Superintendent.

The Newark Conference Deaconess Home was formally opened on November 5, 1897, in Jersey City, N. J. A large company of friends gathered in the rented apartment to welcome the work and the workers, prominent among whom were Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, Mrs. R. S. Rust, Mrs. Anna Kent, and Mrs. James Dale, all of the Executive Board. Several of the city pastors were present, and wise words of counsel and encouragement were spoken.

Four deaconesses and a trained nurse helper will constitute for the present the working force in this, the latest of our Homes. The field in Jersey City is large; but as this is a Conference Home, deaconesses will be expected to respond to calls outside from time to time.

Much interest has already been aroused in the work, and there is no doubt that this will develop into a large and important Home.

Mrs. Clark is the Superintendent of the Home, which is situated at 300 Montgomery Street, Jersey City, N. J.

Mt. Carmel.

Miss CARTES K. SWARTZ, Deaconess.

Miss Swartz has had a year of successful service in ministering to the needs of the distressed miners during the hard months of last winter; in teaching kindergarten school, and aiding the children; in representing our work before audiences, and in increasing its knowledge and influence among the people.

Philadelphia.

611 Vine Street.

Mrs. E. TURNEY, Superintendent.

The Philadelphia Deaconess Home, the generous gift of Colonel Joseph Bennett, is valued at nineteen thousand dollars. Farther additions are making, which will add much to this value. It has proven a soul-saving institution, and who can estimate the value of a soul? Here, children are taught habits of industry; young men come for encouraging words; girls seeking refuge from the streets; parents with burdened hearts; all bow in prayer, and carry away a new song of hope. Twenty-four thousand five hundred and seventy lunches were served to working girls last year, averaging nine cents for a nice lunch. Besides the statistics elsewhere reported, the deaconesses have made 314 visits to hospitals, etc.; have addressed 208 meetings; have spent 354 hours in kindergarten work; 508 hours in industrial school work; 4,640 hours nursing the sick. They have also distributed 3,519 Bibles and religious literature; for emergency work have spent \$292.58; have given 4,589 garments, 131 baskets of food; have aided 350 families, and placed twelve children in homes. Two missions and six pastors have been served; 122 children placed in Sunday-school; 46 situations procured; and 520 children and mothers have been taken to the country, for which \$70.30 have been expended. The year has shown advancement. Two new industrial schools have been formed. New workers have been added to our home circle, necessitating the occupancy of the adjoining property. "We launch out into the deep" as we enlarge our work, with faith to believe His voice will be heard, and 1898 will bring a great gathering of souls.

Pittsburg.

2000 Fifth Avenue.

Miss S. E. EYLER, Superintendent.

The year that has passed has been a prosperous and happy one for the Pittsburg Home. All the workers have enjoyed excellent health, and have been ceaseless in their activities. Five workers have made a record of 7,206 calls during the year, and 6,465 hours spent in nursing. Almost the entire time of three deaconesses has been given up to this important feature of the work.

A trained kindergartner entered our Home during the year. Her mornings are devoted to kindergarten teaching, while the afternoons are spent in parish work among the families of the children committed to her. During the hot weather, her "Fresh Air" work for the most needy proved both a pleasure and a blessing to quite a number.

The "Colored Mission" has many interesting features, one of which is a writing-class composed of men, most of whom are past middle life. This class meets twice a week. For want of space we can not rightly report the work of the "Travelers' Aid" at the Union Station; but four months of faithful labor has proved the wisdom of the movement.

The newest feature of the work is intended to benefit the districts lying outside the city. An "Itinerant Conference Deaconess" will go from place to place, as she may be called, to assist pastors in revival or other religious work. She also responds to calls for assistance from Epworth Leagues, the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and other Societies of our Church.

Four years ago the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Pittsburg purchased our Deaconess Home for \$10,500. Of this sum, all but \$2,100 has been paid. A thorough canvass of the Auxiliaries has been made, with a view to raising all of this balance before March, 1898. The Home asks the continued support of its Auxiliaries and friends in this work, and that they be more liberal this year than ever before that the final effort to free the Home from debt may be successful.

Shamokin.

Miss LEONE BARTOLET, Deaconess.

The work at Shamokin has entered upon its second year, having made a successful record of one year's work. Miss Bartolet has made over 1,000 visits, and has answered to both the spiritual and temporal needs of rich and poor alike. She mentions a most interesting case of a little blind boy, nine years of age, found in a helpless condition, never having been taught to walk or talk. He is now wearing the first pair of shoes, provided through the deaconess's efforts, is able to walk some, and can say a few sentences. Such incidents serve as an illustrative hint of the good accomplished by faithful personal work. The entire amount for the support of the deaconess for the year to come has been already subscribed, a large portion having been given outside the Church efforts. A lot has been offered upon which to build a house, should it be deemed best to place this half-way between Shamokin and Mt. Carmel.

Syracuse.

Mrs. GEORGIANA CLARK, Superintendent.

The work at Syracuse has suffered a number of vicissitudes during the last year. In the early spring Miss Banta resigned her position as Superintendent, and entered upon special mission work. Shortly after, the Home had moved from the house where it had been located since the beginning of the work, to 1206 South Salina Street. In September, Mrs. Georgiana Clark, a graduate of the last class of the National Training-school, was sent as Superintendent to the work. In October, however, the house to which the Home had been removed, changed owners, and again it became necessary to look up a new location. It was deemed best by the Board of Managers to allow the work to close for a few months until more permanent arrangements could be made for a Home. A bequest of \$2,000, that is at their disposal, it is hoped will place the Home on a much more permanent foundation for its future work.

San Francisco.

Bible Training-school and Deaconess Home.

315 Castro Street.

Mrs. H. IDA BENSON, Superintendent.

Already the Bible Training-school situated in San Francisco is among the few large training-schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church—not so much on account of present numbers, but on account of the prospect for the future. San Francisco is a strategic point on the Pacific Coast, and the proper place for the school. Fourteen are now in training for evangelistic, parish, and nurse deaconesses. A building lot has been given to the Deaconess Bureau, and this, with the \$1,000 nucleus for a building

fund, will in the near future enable them to erect a suitable building, large enough to accommodate all who may wish to come for training. The present rented quarters are too small, and an annex near by has been rented to serve as a dormitory. Three deaconesses and fourteen probationers constitute the corps of workers. Two prosperous industrial schools are carried on, and a Woman's Club, besides the regular parish work. Prison and jail meetings, ship meetings, hospital work, rescue work, street meetings, etc., are also successfully conducted.

Evangelistic service is given in revival meetings, and the whole Conference is served when required, either in times of revival work or in the regular work of the Churches. God has marvelously blessed the work of this branch of the great Deaconess Movement in the United States.

Salt Lake City.

Davis Deaconess Home.

41 East Third South Street.

Miss M. E. SPENCE, Superintendent.

The report for Salt Lake has been given partly by Miss Spence, and partly by Mrs. Potter, Secretary of the Bureau for Utah. Miss Spence says: "The past year has not been without good results, although one of our workers has been absent on account of poor health. Our Home and its workers are better appreciated among the people. First Church Sunday-school gave us money, coal, and provisions for distribution among the poor. The sick have been cared for; among them a poor consumptive, whose last hours were made comfortable, and his friends notified with words of sympathy. Two children have been sent to Mothers' Jewels Home. Junior Leagues have been maintained, resulting in conversions, and Mothers' Meetings with similar results. In January, a Chinese class was organized in the basement of the Home of twenty or more, where the boys come every night to study our language, and to learn of the Christian's Bible. We feel a deep interest in these foreigners in our midst, and commend them to the prayers of all Christian workers, praying that from their numbers may be raised up missionaries to their own people. In the Territory interest has been awakened in our work, and the Society at Payson has been especially kind in sending useful articles for the Home. It is difficult to put on paper the result of the year's work. We have tried to sow faithfully, and to leave the harvest to Him who watches and waters. We pray that our Home may ever stand a beacon-light in this sin-cursed city."

Mrs. Potter adds: "Miss Spence has shown herself a 'workman that need not be ashamed;' not only in her services in the First Church, but in the management of the Home as its Superintendent. The family life is delightful, and the new and perplexing phases of work in the locality are wisely and faithfully met."

In addition to these words, it is well to report that Mormonism is not dead, but actively asserting itself in missions and special services in the great cities of our land. The present winter in Cincinnati meetings are maintained, and special efforts made to secure proselytes from other Churches, who shall join the ranks of the Mormon faithful in what is now the State of Utah.

Annual Report to October 1, 1897.

ITEMIZED SUMMARY.	Wilmington.....	Washington.....	Sioley Memorial Hospital.....	Syracuse.....	San Francisco.	Salt Lake City..	Shamokin	Pittsburg.....	Philadelphia. ...	Provo.....	Ocean Grove Rest Home...	Mt. Carmel.....	Los Angeles.....	Mt. Pleasant.....	Knoxville.	Jersey City.....	Des Moines.	Detroit.....	Cunningham Deaconess Home and Orphanage,	Cleveland.....	Buffalo.	Brooklyn.....	Baltimore	Aldrich Memo- rial.....
Value of property, . . .	\$300	\$30,000	\$11,000	\$2,600	\$15,000	\$6,000	.....	\$8,500	\$19,000	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$300	\$300	.....	\$175	.....	\$2,600	\$6,500	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$14,000	\$20,500	\$8,000	\$15,000
Incumber,	35	.....	3	21	4	.....	7	8	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	3	13	2	12	10	12	10	4
Number of deaconesses,
Number of parish, evangel- istic and nurse,
Number of visits made,	10097	.....	1861	10500	2793	721	5964	10470	529	1194	6200	6200	1331	1331	2799	2799	11	1	10	12	12	8	4
Number of visits to hos- pitals, jails, etc.,
Opportunities for Bible readings and prayer,	2891	.....	18	225	15	.....	15	115	15	3	3	3	3	3	3	34	527	118	177	177	236	676	463
Meetings held or assisted in,	1403	.....	.....	450	481	95	800	333	.....	93	385	385	315	315	569	569	2398	750	1152	1152	390	2957	1342
Hours spent in kindergar- ten,	288	.....	75	300	137	60	20	353	.....	46	196	196	.....	.....	74	74	366	477	518	518	390	228	140
Hours spent in industrial school,	300	353	.....	.....	103 1/2	103 1/2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1389	.....	924	924	.....	694	2 1/2
Hours spent in nursing,	1115	.....	75	200	206	.....	470	1872	130	.....	33	164	164	2045	2045	681	4674	581	6532	3568	333	333	2267 1/2
Bibles, Testaments, and tracts given away,	2818	.....	125	4035	897	.....	5152	8706	8706	.....	58	58	58	58	58	58	5451	11873	6886	6886	8807	17244	3944
Cash expended for the poor,	\$45 46	.....	\$28 25	\$317 20	\$317 20	.....	\$88 04	\$245 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$5 68	\$5 68	\$24	\$24	\$130	\$215 04	\$93 29
Cash value of other articles,
Castors and Churches aided,	10 1/2	.....	4	20	5	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	.....	8	57	12	.....	6

Provo.

Mrs. Kingsbury writes: "I have made 529 visits, and attended 239 meetings during the year. Some of these visits have been all-day visits—sometimes all night as well—where there has been sickness or trouble." The industrial school meets every day. Twenty little girls are enrolled. They take no vacation during the year. In midsummer never less than fourteen girls are present.

Mt. Pleasant.

Miss Jennie Potter has just been assigned to serve here. We are sure she will find a cordial welcome from pastor and people.

I am glad to report that the Summer Rest Home at Ocean Grove has had a most happy and successful season. It was under the joint care of Mrs. F. C. Hathaway and Miss M. E. Pierce, of the Buffalo Home. Twelve Deaconess Homes were represented by thirty-eight deaconesses; twenty-one missionaries from various fields, and seven Industrial Homes of the Woman's Home Missionary Society had their workers among the eighty guests entertained from June 15th to September 6th. A permanent organization was effected this last summer, of which Mrs. Anna Kent is President, and Mrs. W. F. Day, Treasurer. We look to this institution as meeting a felt need in the conduct of our work, and hope soon to announce that it is put on a permanent financial basis.

We are anticipating the valuable aid of a Field Secretary, who will be prepared to deliver lectures in our Homes when desired, either on historical or practical aspects of deaconess work; to serve as a tie between the different Homes, and in all ways to build up the various interests that make for the success of a complete whole.

The Deaconess Anniversary held at Ocean Grove, in connection with the Anniversary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, was greatly benefited by the presence of Dr. Luther Wilson; our President, Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk; Dr. W. W. Clark, Bishop Fitzgerald, and many deaconesses and godly women of the Church.

As we close this rapid review of the year's work, we thank God for the past, and take courage for the year before us, knowing that it is only in his strength and guided by his wisdom that we should venture to remain in this work, undertaken solely "for the love of Christ, and in His Name."

JANE BANCROFT ROBINSON, *Secretary*.
AMELIA D. MINARD, *Ass't Secretary*.

BUREAU FOR ORIENTALS.

REALIZING that there were women born in China transplanted to America, and not allowed to go outside of the four walls they call home, we asked the Convention in Springfield for a larger appropriation than had been granted the previous year; we felt we ought to carry the gospel to these sisters who had never heard of the Christ.

Our request was granted, and Miss Lake began the work July, 1896. Largely through her efforts twenty-nine girls, some of them mere children, have been taken from dens of vice during this year; six of them we lost by habeas corpus proceedings. One girl, not more than thirteen or fifteen years of age, was so intimidated by the threatening aspect and

words of her vile owner during the hours of the morning, while waiting in the halls of the court-room before being called as a witness, that she timidly told the judge she wanted to go back to her owners, and she was allowed to go, as it could n't be proved she was a minor, although it was very evident she was such.

Sometimes these keepers of minors (girls) are convicted of the offense; but the small fine of \$50 imposed does not deter them from resuming their nefarious business after they have cheerfully paid the fine. I quote from Rev. Mr. Masters, Superintendent of Men's Work for Parent Board in San Francisco, as read at Annual Conference in September last. Referring to the rescue work done by our Oriental Bureau, he says:

"None but brave women would venture down those alleys and slums of darkest Chinatown, where are hard-looking white men drunk with Chinatown whisky. It is anything but pleasant for refined, gentle women to enter houses where girls (slaves, and worse) are to be seen with chalked faces, gaudy silks, and bejeweled head-dress, singing lewd ballads, while Chinamen play mora and drink sam-shu."

Day after day Miss Lake and her interpreters are seen climbing rickety stairs leading into sunless homes and windowless rooms, where patient women, with babies strapped to their backs, drudge from morn till night, and sew overalls till midnight for ten cents a dozen. They have carried flowers day after day into malodorous abodes, and God's comfort to desolate hearts. They have nursed the sick and comforted the dying. They have gone down into ghoulis "chambers of silence," and found sick girls left to die between confined corpses and boxes of dead men's bones. They have conducted every week Sabbath-schools in squalid tenements, where human beings live packed like sardines. They have held over 1,200 Bible readings in Chinese homes, and a woman's prayer-meeting at the Mission on Friday afternoons.

There have been thirty-eight women and girls at the Home for a longer or shorter period. Some of these have married, eight of them have gone out as servants into Christian families; only such girls could be selected for servants about whom there was no contest, or whose owners would not give us trouble. The average number of inmates is twenty during the year. Fourteen of them have professed faith in Christ.

The day-school is prospering, with an average of thirty pupils. About half of these are inmates of the Home, and the remainder come from Christian Chinese families and from idol-worshiping ones. These native sons will be voters in a few years. Shall their education be Pagan or Christian? In many places in California the public schools are closed against Mongolians, and so they walk the streets more vicious and ignorant than heathens in China.

Our faithful matron, Mrs. Lake, has spared no pains to make the girls happy and contented, yet firmly insisting they shall do the necessary work in a Home of twenty or thirty inmates. This Home being upon the second and third stories of the Missionary Building, causes no little inconvenience, and many weary steps in performance of daily duties.

The Chinese work in Southern California Conference is prosperous. Two workers are employed in Los Angeles, and two in San Diego. Mrs. T. F. Davis, whose efficiency is increased by her ability to speak and teach the Cantonese dialect, resumes her work at Los Angeles, and employs both American and Chinese helpers.

I wish I could have written to each and all of those who, one year ago, pledged money so generously for the support of this work. I had

only the addresses of a few, and to these I have written. To all who have written me letters, and the number has been legion, I have answered. I trust all of those who pledged money at last Convention will renew the pledge at this one; and if they do, I shall soon be notified, that I may be in touch with all in this work, which deserves your sympathy, your money, and your prayers.

The Japanese women's work embraced in the Oriental consists in the maintenance of a Home, where those out of employment, or those sick and friendless, may go for rest and advice.

The missionary, Miss Yamada, being able to address these women in their own language, can carry the burdens of sister, wife, mother, friend, as well as religious counselor; and one helper at No. 1307 Larkin Street said if we could have a glimpse into that Home any day of the year, the quality and quantity of work accomplished would delight and inspire us.

More than one hundred women have been helped in various ways during this year. There are about three hundred Japanese women in San Francisco, and to more of these should we reach out. This work has so increased during the three years since we have been a part of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, that we very much need ten dollars per month more than was granted last year. Shall we have \$120 more than then, making the amount granted us \$2,120? In all the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, I do not think any missionary or teacher receives so small a sum as do ours, viz.:

Twenty-five dollars for matron.

Fifteen dollars for teacher (three hours per day).

Per month, twenty dollars for missionary among Chinese.

Per month, twenty dollars for missionary among Japanese.

Per month, twenty dollars for rent of Japanese Home.

Per month, ten dollars for house expenses Japanese Home.

Making a total of \$110, leaving us only \$56.23 for the clothing, feeding, and warming an average of twenty girls per month, these persons all boarding themselves.

With this statement, I close my report.

MRS. L. P. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*.

BUREAU FOR MISSION SUPPLIES.

WITH grateful hearts we bring you the report of our year's work. Our dear Father has given us opportunity and strength for service. How much we owe him! Secretaries and Auxiliaries have been prompt and faithful. Our gifts have gone out to our frontiers, North, West, South. The Industrial and Deaconess Homes have shared also in these. Churches, Aid Societies, Epworth Leagues, Sunday-schools, Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, have joined with our Auxiliaries in gifts of helpfulness. Only our Father, who keeps the records, can know the result of such cheerful giving. My visit to the Kansas Conferences revealed a history of sacrifice and toil scarce credible, equal to the heroic days of Methodism of our fathers. The heroes still live on the frontier. The bountiful harvests have come to cheer the farmer; but three years of drought, hot winds, and storms made heavy debts, which three years of plenty will scarcely make even, or cancel. No word of complaint

comes from these heroic men and women. Are we ready to renew our efforts for another year, and share in the victory, our country for Christ?

"One holy trust, one army strong,
One steadfast, high intent;
One working band, one harvest song,
One King Omnipotent."

MRS. JAMES DALE, *Secretary*.

BUREAU FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

I HAVE divided my report for the year ending July 15, 1897, into two parts. One is, "What has been accomplished?" the other, "What we intend (God helping us) to do for the future advancement of this Bureau."

A circular letter to our Epworth League was printed and sent out (with the approval of your Board) to Leagues in nearly all of the Conferences where we have Auxiliaries, and many favorable replies and cash donations have been received. The main object of this letter was to arouse an interest among the members of the League in the work of our Society.

There has also been an increase of Home Mission Circles in Conferences where these letters were presented.

The Secretary of this Bureau had a letter printed (at her expense), and sent out to Conference Executive Boards, urging upon them the importance of appointing a Conference Secretary for Young People. The result is, that while only a short time ago (when your former Secretary of this Bureau reported) there were eleven Conference Secretaries for Young People; there are now thirty-three.

Blanks for Young People's Work have been printed, and are being distributed as rapidly as possible. The Secretary of this Bureau has also had printed (at her expense) a blank for her own use, to send out quarterly to her Conference Secretaries for Young People for their reports. Constitutions for Circles and Bands in leaflet form have been issued; also membership cards, leaflet, and mite-boxes for the advancement of the Mothers' Jewels Department; all are in demand.

Thus far your Secretary has received reports from twenty-four Conferences. When a Circle is reported without its membership, this Secretary has estimated only ten members to a Circle, when there are, in all probability, more; as the lowest membership of any Circle reported is seventeen. Thus from twenty-four Conferences the membership of Circles, Bands, and Mothers' Jewels is 9,355, an increase over last year (according to the last Annual Report) of 2,283.

If the reports continue to come in with such cheering results, there will be a large increase of members among our Young People's Societies throughout our Conferences.

The increase thus far has been in Conferences where there are Conference Secretaries for Young People's Work, showing plainly how important it is for us to urge the appointment of these officers in all Conferences.

Cincinnati Conference has the largest membership in Young People's Societies; namely, 1,771, an increase of 584. East Ohio Conference has a membership of 895, showing the largest increase during the year, of 642.

In the Pittsburgh Conference the Secretary of this Bureau has assisted

in all Conference and district meetings held during the past year, was invited to take entire charge of Missionary-day at Bellevue Assembly, and engage speakers for both the Woman's Foreign and Woman's Home Missionary Societies. She also spoke, by invitation, to an audience of young people at a sub-district meeting of the Epworth League, held in Hamline Methodist Episcopal Church, Washington, D. C., last February, and the following Sunday evening spoke in one of the Methodist Episcopal Churches of Baltimore, when the pastor gave up the entire evening to the young people, and where she spent a very pleasant social half-hour after the services were over.

We intend in the future to *push the work*, asking every Auxiliary to help. We intend going into the Sunday-schools and Epworth Leagues silently but steadily with our leaflets for young people, our *Children's Home Missions*, and our personal appeals to the Superintendents of the Juniors (League), to the Chairmen of the Mercy and Help Department, and to the teachers of the infant and intermediate classes. Wherever we can find a church open to us, we shall ask Conference and District Secretaries for Young People to enter and instruct the children of the Churches in all branches of work connected with our Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Conference Corresponding Secretaries and District Secretaries very properly turn their attention to the women of our Churches, and the organization of Auxiliaries; but in many districts they make little or no effort to enlist the interest of the young people.

We recommend, as it has become an imperative need for the more rapid advancement of our work, the appointment of a National Organizer for the Young People, whose duties shall be to go into Conferences where there is a Conference Secretary for Young People's Work, and co-operate with her in instructing and interesting *all* the young people of her Conference in the work of our Society, especially adapted to draw forth their sympathy and aid, who shall also assist the Conference Secretary for Young People in organizing Circles and Bands, interest mothers and their little ones in our Mothers' Jewels work, obtain subscribers to *Children's Home Missions*, and distribute our young people's literature. When this is accomplished, it can confidently be expected that the membership of our Young People's Societies will equal, if not exceed, the membership of our Auxiliaries.

MRS. SAMUEL HAZLETT,
Secretary of Bureau for Young People.

BUREAU FOR LOCAL WORK.

As our predecessor has wisely said in one of her reports, "The success of the local Bureau is to be measured largely by what it has not done;" also, "It is a good omen that this department of our work is not increasing."

It is much easier to interest members of Auxiliaries in working for the poor in their own Churches or cities, than for the heathen in Alaska, New Mexico, Utah, or even for the poor whites and colored people in the South. They say, Is not this a *Home Missionary Society*? Then why not raise our money, and do our work for the poor in our own Church and town?

I would suggest that the word *Home* was put in the name of our Society to indicate that our work was to be for the needy in the homeland or United States, instead of those across the sea. The needy in our

own Church and town should certainly be cared for; but we think the members of the Home Missionary Society should only be expected to do their share of this work with the other members of the Church and charitable organizations.

It has been my aim during the year to impress this fact upon the workers; also that our deaconesses are doing local work on a large scale; consequently our Auxiliaries can devote their energies largely to raising money for our missionaries' salary, and for beneficiaries in our Industrial Homes, etc.

Local work, as reported to me during the year, is as follows:

Erie Conference.—Jamestown, N. Y.: Cash used, \$134.44; paid to city missionary, \$14; number of visits made, 176; sick visited, 77; number families not attending Church, 13; number children not attending Sunday-school, 4; unemployed adults, 1; families destitute of food, 7; leaflets distributed, 70.

East Brady, Pa.—Supplies, \$14; visits, 2; families not attending Church, 1; children not attending Sunday-school, 5; unemployed adults, 1; children not in day-school, 3; families destitute of clothing, 1; families destitute of food, 1.

East Randolph, N. Y.—Visits, 2; Bibles distributed, 1; religious services conducted, 2; families destitute of clothing, 2.

Corry, Pa.—Union City, Pa., supplies, \$63.25; Mill Village, Pa., supplies, \$2; Franklin, Pa., \$20; Petrolia, Pa., \$40.90; Oil City, Pa. (Trinity), \$44.35; Tionesta, Pa. (Circle), supplies, \$3.29; Tidioute, Pa., \$14; Cash, \$30.

Genesee Conference reports \$213.50 expended for local work, but does not specify in what way.

The city of Newark, N. J., employs two missionaries,—Mrs. Watson and Miss Lowe,—who report: 5,354 visits made; sick visited, 212; meetings conducted, 207; meetings attended, 777; leaflets and cards distributed, 845; children brought to Sunday-school, 234; children brought to Junior League, 77; garments distributed, 659; shoes given, 78; Bibles given, 63; comfortables and quilts, 4; money received, \$81.15; money spent, \$72.33.

North Indiana Conference.—Grace Church, Richmond: Number of sick visited, 44; value of supplies given, \$50.30; cash, \$10.80.

Winchester, Ind.—Number sick visited, 68; leaflets distributed, 10; sick visited, 34; Bible readings given, 6; children brought to Sunday-school, 4.

Middletown, Ind.—Visits made, 35; sick visited, 25; families destitute of food, 2; families destitute of clothing, 3; children brought to Sunday-school, 5; value of supplies given, \$38.50.

New Castle, Ind.—Visits made, 12; sick visited, 112; Bible readings, 3; families visited not attending Church, 6; families destitute of food, 2; families destitute of clothing, 4; children brought to day-school, 2; children brought to Sunday-school, 2; value of supplies given, \$53.05.

Fort Wayne, Ind.—Visits made, 458; sick visited, 200; Bibles given, 7; Bible readings, 52; families not attending any Church, 10; children not attending any Sunday-school, 11; families destitute of food, 5; families destitute of clothing, 5; children brought to day-school, 3; children brought to Sunday-school, 11; persons brought to regular attendance at Church, 10.

New York Conference.—Visits made, 150; sick visited, 7; Bibles given, 1; Bible-readings, 10; meetings conducted, 10; families not attending Church, 2; children not attending Sunday-school, 2; families destitute of food, 8; families destitute of clothing, 7; value of supplies given, \$328.23.

New York East Conference.—Mrs. Faraday reports for class and

house expenses for the Willing Workers' Home, \$480.32; and for relief work, \$443.42; money raised by Auxiliaries, \$328.71.

Southwest Kansas Conference.—Arkansas City: Visits made, 95; leaflets given, 50; sick visited, 55; meetings held, 9; families not attending Church, 40; children not attending Sunday-school, 25; unemployed adults, 2; unemployed children not attending day-school, 5; families destitute of food, 4; families destitute of clothing, 6; value of supplies given, \$15.85.

Illinois Conference.—Carlinville: Young Woman's Society, supplies to needy families, \$44.60; cash, \$19.40. Jacksonville, Centenary Church: supplies, \$15; Grace Church, supplies, \$7.70.

(MRS.) E. B. GREEN, *Secretary*.

BUREAU FOR HOME MISSION READING CIRCLES.

THIS is the decennial year of our Reading Circle. Public announcement of this Bureau was made in the year 1887, by Mrs. Doud, of Norwalk, O.

The first five years registered a membership of 4,665; the next five years, including the enrollment of 1886 and 1887, 8,467; with a total membership of 13,132. About one hundred thousand volumes, exclusive of the leaflet course and our Home Mission paper, have been read.

As Secretary of this Bureau, I gratefully record these results as worthy the indorsement of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. In the past year I have had letters from fifteen elected Reading Circle Secretaries, and reports of work in twenty-one States. The growing membership in our Society, and the ever-changing conditions of our country necessitate a close revision of our Reading Course. These leaflets, together with the new seals, will be ready for free distribution as soon as they can be printed.

The determining features of our Course of Reading are, that it is short, comprehensive, and low-priced, and treats of a few important subjects, around which others may be grouped, relating to the mission needs of our country. We try, by means of our books, to accomplish three things: To stimulate the intellect, to cultivate the heart, and to develop the executive forces of our nature. By this threefold bond we are all united as members of Home Missions.

When our Pilgrim Fathers were braving the perils of a new continent, our Pilgrim Mothers defended the home with a heroism that possessed the soul even up to the gates of death. This priceless heritage is ours; ours by inheritance, ours by consecration. May the power of good books inspire our minds and hearts to bless people many and far, by the truths we have learned, and the history that is ours to accomplish!

MRS. J. L. TRISLER, *Secretary*.

REPORTS

OF

Conference Corresponding Secretaries.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

THE Baltimore Conference, with gratitude to our Heavenly Father, comes to report the work of the past year.

New Auxiliaries have been formed, and a large increase in the membership of the Society has been secured. We have sent generous supplies to the frontier, contributed to the salaries of the missionaries in Unalaska and at Ellis Island, given to the Emergency Fund and to the work in New Mexico and Utah, supported six beneficiaries in Alaska, aided the Building Fund there; also cared for beneficiaries at the National Training-school, at the Stickney Home, and at the Watts de Peyster Home. We have also supported Tsoi Yi in the Chinese Home at San Francisco.

The total receipts of the Conference for the year aggregate nearly \$12,000.

The Baltimore Deaconess Home continues to enlarge its work, and, in addition to the industrial and kindergarten schools among its home and foreign population, it has had two deaconesses, graduated nurses who have done district nursing among the poor. The Lucy Webb Hayes Deaconess Home and Training-school, under the able superintendency of Rev. A. H. Ames, D. D., has had a large class of consecrated women, and many more could be enrolled if we had more room. Larger buildings are imperative.

The deaconesses and students in the Conference are honored and loved for their work's sake.

During the year Hon. William J. Sibley, our friend and benefactor, who donated to the work the Sibley Memorial Hospital, was unexpectedly called to his reward. Brother Sibley has remembered our institution with an annuity that will become available so soon as his estate is settled.

The Conference Anniversary, held at Eutaw Street Church, was crowded to overflowing. Bishop Mallalieu made a forcible address, indorsing the work of the Society. Camp-meeting anniversaries have been held at Summit, Washington, and Emory Groves. At the latter camp the eloquent address of Professor Henrietta Bancroft, of Albion, Mich., will long be remembered.

The Annual Meeting was held at Metropolitan Church, Washington. Rev. J. St. Clair Neale, D. D., delivered an earnest and beautiful address, his subject being "Our Society—the Spirit underlying it, the Spirit of Christ."

The great event of the year has been the visit of Mrs. S. L. Beiler to Alaska. The Conference is devoted to that work, and our love and prayers have followed our sister to that far-away field.

With thanksgivings for the past, we look into the future with hope and courage.

CLARA L. ROACH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

THE Annual Conference has just closed. Our Society was permitted to hold its Anniversary meeting on the afternoon of the first day of the Conference. Mrs. E. C. Gibson, widow of Dr. Otis Gibson, founder of the San Francisco Chinese Mission, conducted the devotional exercises. Miss Yamada, our efficient little Japanese, in charge of the Japanese Home for women, dressed in native costume, gave a brief account of her work after her own innocent fashion, in broken English. Miss Lake, deaconess, drew life-pictures of mission and rescue work among the Chinese women of San Francisco. Miss Brown, of Manchester, a Government teacher of Indians, read an excellent paper on "The Heart, the Head, and the Hand of the Indian." Dr. W. T. Smith, General Missionary Secretary, occupied a seat on the platform. As the above-named speakers gave incidents of their work, he remarked more than once, "Well, this is a revelation to me!"

Dr. Masters made a startling presentation of the Chinese girl-slavery question, and Dr. Case outdid himself in a fervid plea for the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Meanwhile our Conference Treasurer and assistants were quietly circulating cards through the audience. The money and pledges secured amounted to over ninety dollars.

Rev. A. T. Needham, presiding elder, in his report before the Conference, gave the Woman's Home Missionary Society unstinted thanks and praise for valuable assistance rendered to the needy ministers of his district.

The San Francisco Bible and Training School is united with the Deaconess Home in one institution. The school opens October 7th, with thirteen pupils, and applications from four others are under consideration. We have graduated four deaconesses, three of whom were consecrated by Bishop Newman at the Conference. The King's Daughters and Epworth Leagues are assisting worthy pupils in the school, and one lady has recently given \$800 toward the maintenance of young women who are unable to meet the expense of study and training. A site for a Deaconess Home has also been presented by the same charitable person. Our Treasurer reports for deaconess work during the year \$2,591 received, including the gift of \$800 to be used in the present year.

Our Auxiliaries are surprised and chagrined at the falling off in receipts for the Oriental Bureau. Already steps are in progress for a stronger support of this department, and we confidently expect to make a good record next time.

The Annual Meeting, held in July in San Francisco, was a great success, and a delightful occasion. The church in which it was held being less than a block from the Chinese Mission, Mrs. Williams, the Oriental Bureau Secretary, brought the school, with Mrs. Hull, teacher, into the meeting. There were about thirty children, many of whom were neatly dressed in American costume, and when they executed some motion songs, they followed their leader so faithfully and looked so bright and cunning, that they seemed as pretty and captivating as white children.

The pastor of the San Francisco Japanese Church paid a high tribute to the character of the work accomplished in the Japanese Home, and said that it is the only Home for Japanese women in America.

Our membership is larger than at the close of last year. One Auxiliary has been organized, and the subscriptions to the *Woman's Home Missions* have nearly doubled.

Encouraged by the grateful recognition of our work at Conference, believing that our ministerial brethren are in accord with us, and that

our sisters are waking up to the possibilities before us, we shall try to form new Auxiliaries, and to strengthen and enlarge the interests already established.

MRS. R. McLELLAN,
Conference Corresponding Secretary.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CONFERENCE reports seven (7) Auxiliaries this year, against four (4) last year, one a camp-ground. A meeting was held during the year, when a full corps of officers was elected. Mrs. B. S. Potter, of Bloomington, was present, and also visited several other charges, making addresses and organizing Auxiliaries. Two districts have been organized, and the outlook is encouraging. Substantial aid has been given to the Emergency Fund. Ritter Home and the Bureau of Supplies have also been remembered.

ELLA G. TAYLOR,
Corresponding Secretary Central Illinois Conference.

CENTRAL NEW YORK CONFERENCE.

WE can not boast of great advancement during the year, although there has been a slight forward movement. Besides the organization of three new Auxiliaries, there has been an increase in numbers, and a larger amount of money raised in the old ones.

Special moneys and supplies have been gathered for our Deaconess Home, Italian work, Alaska, Nooksachk, Bohemian Mission, Simpson Home, and over \$400 for Emergency Fund.

It is very gratifying to know that the Thank-offering day is being more generally observed among the Auxiliaries, and we trust the day is not far distant when an appropriate thank-offering service will be held by every Auxiliary in the Conference.

Two wide-awake Queen Esther Circles have been organized, one at Geneva and one at Canton. The former have taken for their special work the support of a beneficiary in Simpson Home, Orangeburg, S. C.; the latter the support of a girl in Clarkson, Miss.

The Queen Esther Circle at Penn Yan has been gratified in seeing some of the fruits of their labor by a visit from the little Alaskan girl whom they have been supporting. Mrs. Louisa B. Ayers, the efficient Secretary of the district, thus describes her visit:

"Our Queen Esther Circle for six years has been supporting a young Alaskan girl, Eudocia Sédick, brought to the Jesse Lee Home by the Government agent from St. Paul's Island, one of the seal islands in Behring Sea.

"She was in utter ignorance then as to school training, and her only uplift from heathenism had been the service of the Russian Mission. Within these six years she has so applied herself as to attain the average scholarship of girls of fourteen, her probable age now.

"She writes plainly, sending her patrons in Penn Yan frequent letters, which are bright and readable, and marked by childlike simplicity.

"In August she was their guest for a week or two, having recently, with five others, been brought to the school at Carlisle, Pa. She was given a formal reception, at which her grace and modest dignity were quite equal to what any white girl of her age could show, responding promptly and heartily to the many greetings, while clinging with a touch

of timidity to the arm of her friend and correspondent, Mrs. W. D. Hallowell, the directress of the Circle.

"Her eyes are black, hair dark brown, which falls in long, soft, natural curls over her shoulders. She is refined, sensitive, and affectionate, always referring to her teacher at Unalaska as 'Mother Soule.'

"She showed peculiar tact on social occasions, keenly observing and conforming to the manners of the rest, especially at table, from the soup to the ice-cream, which she took with daintiness and relish.

"She shows the results of excellent training in all domestic duties, including the care of her own clothing. Although slight and much below medium height, she boasts of her strength and endurance, which are really unusual.

"Best of all, she is a real Christian, and may some day be the center of a redeemed Christian home.

"A blessed work truly for a Queen Esther Circle. Will not other Circles begin to do likewise?"

MRS. W. A. BROWNELL, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CENTRAL OHIO CONFERENCE.

THE work in our Conference has varied little this year from that of preceding years. Ours being one of the oldest Conferences organized, we can not report as many new Auxiliaries, or the great increase in membership that some of the newer Conferences report, but we are holding steadily on our way.

Our special interest has centered in Asheville, though many other branches of the work have received our aid. Supplies have been sent to sixteen ministers in the West and South, besides valuable boxes to Ritter, Peck, and Asheville Homes.

At the opening session of our Conference meeting we were saddened and almost disheartened by the resignation of our beloved Treasurer, Mrs. W. G. Williams, who had been not only our Treasurer, but our leader and wise counselor ever since our Conference was organized. Her place is filled by Mrs. Dr. J. M. Avann, of Toledo, who has taken up the work with vigor and earnestness. We are growing to regard the change less as a loss than as a gain, in that we have secured one more able leader, while we still retain a strong hold upon Mrs. Williams.

Our May meeting was one of marked interest. We had no outside help, but much latent talent was developed, and several new workers were enlisted, giving promise of future usefulness.

At a meeting of the Conference Board in June, the work for the coming year was partially outlined. To aid the Special General Fund and to give our Auxiliaries some definite object, we decided to assume the salary of Miss Elliott, Superintendent of King Home. Each of our six districts raises one-sixth, and becomes responsible for some particular month. We find that personal appeal for some definite object is most effective.

Our cause was ably presented by Professor Stevenson, of Ohio Wesleyan University, at the Annual Conference.

The outlook for this year is very encouraging. Our Treasurer reports this quarter an increase of \$122 over the corresponding quarter of last year.

We dare not tell everything we *expect* to do, but we hope a year hence to report it *as done*. We are planning and praying for advanced work all along the line.

MRS. M. H. DAVIS,
Corresponding Secretary.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE.

ANOTHER year has gone; our march is still steadily onward and upward. Our Treasurer's report stands \$1,718.95, against \$1,372.22 last year. Of this amount, \$474 has been used in our local deaconess work, which is a new work inaugurated a little over a year ago at Mt. Carmel and Shamokin, in the coal-mining districts. It has been a specifically local work up to this time, but the recent Annual Meeting voted to ask all the Auxiliaries in the Conference to sustain it in the future. There is reason to believe that it is a good and substantial enterprise, and worthy of our support. Miss Swartz and Miss Bartolet, the deaconesses, have greatly endeared themselves to the people.

All our pledges have been raised: \$100 to Miss Tripp's salary, Navajo work; \$50 to Miss Soule's salary; \$25 to Asheville building; \$100 to Training-school, Washington, D. C.; \$10 to Miss Matthews's back salary; \$255 to beneficiaries, divided between Ritter, Stickney, Mother's Jewels, Unalaska, and Chinese Homes.

We have two promising candidates from our territory at the National Training-school, and others wishing to go.

Three hundred dollars has been raised for the "Emergency Fund," making three ladies honorary life managers. While this amount represents self-denial on the part of many contributors, it is largely due to the personal effort of our indefatigable Sister Crawford.

Some advance has been made in organization; five new Auxiliaries have been added, though some have dropped out by the way, and all our districts now rejoice in the service of efficient District Secretaries.

We think we have the model Secretary of Supplies in our excellent Mrs. Leidy, of Sunbury. A considerable part of the goods were re-packed and shipped by herself.

Two bequests have been left to us this year, one of \$2,000 in March by Mrs. Sarah Brown, of Bloomsburg, Pa. This lady was never closely identified with our Conference Society, but was liberal to every good work. In September \$1,000 came to us by the will of Mrs. Emma Hammersley, of Harrisburg, Pa. Devoted to the Woman's Home Missionary Society in life, she has thus beautifully remembered it in her death. Who among us is worthy to wear her mantle? Let us emulate her worthy example.

MRS. T. L. TOMKINSON.

CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

IN reviewing the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Cincinnati Conference for the past year, we feel we have been repaid for any effort on our part, and it is only left us to thank the friends of the cause for their timely aid and prayers, and, above all, our kind Heavenly Father for showers of blessings upon our efforts. We find a steady gain has been made in almost all lines of work.

The Reading Circle has been well represented, but it is greatly desired that interest in this branch of the work should greatly increase. The Young People's work is most encouraging. The Cincinnati Conference is accorded the honor of being the banner Conference in membership of young people.

Glenn Home, situated in Cincinnati, being the special work of the Conference, great interest is felt in it. (See Report.)

At the Annual Meeting at Xenia \$200 were pledged to the Emergency Fund in about ten minutes, and a telegram sent at once to our Treasurer, bearing this good news.

One year ago Mrs. D. E. Taylor, Corresponding Secretary, promised, on returning from the Board meeting, to organize an unorganized presiding elder's district. To-day it is reported as having been done, and we may expect the blessing of the Master on this effort.

The Anniversary meeting was held during the session of Conference at Springfield, being ably addressed by Mrs. W. A. Goodman, Jr., and Mrs. James Dale.

An effort is being made to awaken more interest in the Thank-offering at our district meetings, several of which have been postponed until after this Board meeting, they hoping to catch the inspiration which will be carried home by their representatives. However, rejoicing in the good work recorded, we look forward hopefully for a continuous growth in this most important line of Christian work, and trust our Heavenly Father, who in watching our patient seed-sowing, will surely bring in the harvest.

MRS. H. G. MARSHALL, *Corresponding Secretary.*

COLORADO CONFERENCE.

OUR skies are brightening. That a better time financially is approaching is evidenced by the advance shown in our Treasurer's report—an advance which, though not large, yet betokens good things to come.

This year we have worked along the lines of previous years in frontier appropriations, where the cut in the appropriations of the Parent Missionary Society has increased the claims of our noble picket-line upon us. Many of these frontier ministers are graduates of the best universities. One of them, a very successful man, writes: "We are not experimenting; we love the mountains, the work, the people; and until we superannuate we expect to live and work here in the hills." Such a preacher is a proof that the best days of Methodism are not in the past.

We have been able to assist our frontier ministers in supplies and money. We have sent to the Dulce Indian Mission school a thank-offering of \$54.42. Thirty-six dollars and ten cents and her clothing have been sent to our little Mary French, in the York Mother's Jewels Home. To the city missions of Denver we have contributed \$60, and at Christmas we are able to send \$60 as a little gift to our needy pastors. All this cements our work in Colorado into blessed unity and joy. We have sent the Treasurer of the General Society over \$200, and lesser gifts have been scattered here and there. Our treasury now shows a balance of \$110 to begin the new year with.

The Dulce Indian and Mexican Mission was visited by one of the Conference officers during the year. The Harwood Home in Albuquerque has been visited by one of our friends.

I am pleased to report that the Conference Board has undertaken the support of a deaconess, Miss Melissa Briggs, who has been laboring in Salt Lake City for some time. We hope to push on and found a Deaconess Home in the city of Denver.

The Young People's Circles have generally collapsed, owing to the rise of the Epworth League. Though the same work is still done, it shows a shrinkage in our income.

The four districts are thoroughly organized. The organizers are endeavoring to fill up what remains until the entire Conference is rallied around our Society. The Conference Board has held regular meetings during the entire year. The meetings of the Board have been precious means of grace. The officers are unchanged.

About two hundred and sixty copies of the *Woman's Home Missions* are taken. We anticipate a good year. We need and ask your prayers.

MRS. C. B. SPENCER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

DETROIT CONFERENCE.

DETROIT CONFERENCE SOCIETY reports a year of aggressive work. We have organizations in all our seven districts. Six district meetings have been held during the year, with much profit. Correspondence indicates enthusiasm being aroused as prosperity appears dawning in the commercial world. On one district an Auxiliary at large of forty-two members has grown from the thought of associating those at a distance, who otherwise would be without an Auxiliary bond.

The growth of interest in our mite-box work is shown, in part, by the distribution of 309 additional mite-boxes.

The deaconess work has abounded in good deeds. Statistics can not reveal the excellent work and blessed ministry. We have excellent prospects of soon owning our Deaconess Home property in Detroit.

There is a marked interest manifested in our official organ. On one district every Auxiliary has subscribers to our valuable paper. To the Emergency Fund we have contributed \$300.

The department of our work known as Ministers' Loan Library continues to grow in appreciation by our young ministers. Though the change in the course of study at the beginning of the year made obsolete 134 volumes, we have in the regular course of study 653 volumes, having purchased 110 new books. There are now in circulation 571 volumes, used by 62 ministers. The work of our Supply Secretary has been thorough.

Our Conference Anniversary Address, given by Professor Henrietta Bancroft, of Albion College, was a masterpiece, and unexcelled by any previous address.

We are thoroughly organized, with efficient Secretaries at the head of each department. Though we have accomplished but little along some lines, we know our hearts are larger, our sympathies broader, and our spiritual life much quickened by the work we have been able to accomplish, and pledge ourselves to greater usefulness the coming year.

MRS. W. B. POPE, *Conference Corresponding Secretary.*

EAST OHIO CONFERENCE.

THE Woman's Home Missionary Society has many devoted friends within its bounds, and the more it is known the better it is loved.

All of the districts are organized, and most of them are doing effective work. There are still, however, many appointments where the object of the Society is approved, but the Churches hesitate to organize, lest it damage the interests of the Woman's Foreign Society.

But our experience has been that the Foreign Society prospers most where the Home Society is established. They stimulate each other.

In Cleveland District both Societies are strong, and they hold their Annual Meeting together. The Home takes one day, and the Foreign the next, and they divide the evening between them. This has been done for several years, and has proved so pleasant and satisfactory that neither would consent to a change. Most of the ladies are members of both organizations.

We have Secretaries appointed for the different departments, and hold two Conference meetings annually, one in May and one in September, at the session of the Annual Conference. The addresses of our Conference officers are printed in the Conference Minutes.

The Cleveland Deaconess Home, associated with our Society, is

doing excellent work, and is growing in favor with the people. There are now twelve deaconesses in the Home, three of whom are regularly trained nurses. The property, valued at \$10,000, is free of debt, and a building has been furnished for Industrial Schools and where Mothers' and Children's Meetings are held. Miss McIlmoyl, the Superintendent, has the affection of those in the Home, and the confidence of the people. The Mercy and Help Department of the Epworth Leagues has rendered valuable service in securing and distributing supplies. Our Conference is loyal to every department of work, and contributes to the support of most of them. We believe that our Industrial Homes and Schools, when properly developed, embody the best principles of modern philanthropy.

MARY C. HICKMAN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

EAST TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

OUR Auxiliaries do a goodly amount of Church work, such as helping to pay off Church debts, supply parsonages, and raise the minister's salary.

We will be glad when the day comes that we can support a beneficiary in Morristown Home, or take up some other general missionary work.

Miss Blanche Jefferson, a young lady of most excellent ability, has done efficient work this year in organizing two Auxiliaries, and trying to keep the interest awakened.

Our greatest need is to have officers who will at least try to organize the Churches near them, and keep up the ardor manifested at the beginning.

Mrs. S. C. Hypshire, Secretary of the Knoxville District, reports a large sewing class taught by Miss Anna Mosher, Superintendent of the New Jersey Home, Morristown, and the Mothers' Meeting conducted by her is proving helpful to all who attend.

Mrs. Ellen Moore, one of our Conference officers, will leave our midst, and reside at Nashville. We regret her removal, for her counsel and labor will be missed, as she has always been an impetus to the work at Morristown.

In presenting our work to the people, special emphasis is placed upon the importance of every member lifting herself into a higher moral and spiritual life. Striving to become useful women in the vineyard of the Lord Jesus, each mother is entreated to be a zealous Bible Christian in her own family circle and the community in which she lives.

Members of the different Auxiliaries visit and care for the sick, and furnish garments for the needy in such a manner as to benefit those aided in the truest sense, that the world may see that our object is to try to raise the fallen, and succor the needy, "For the love of Christ."

The Auxiliaries hold two Mothers' Meetings a month. The programs are varied. Usually one is appointed to read some article from the "Home Mission," or a leaflet setting forth one of our mission-fields. Another will line a hymn, and all unite in singing while the sewing is going on.

We held one district meeting on the Bristol District, in connection with the preachers District Conference. It was well attended, and gave new life to the workers on the district.

Pastors where Auxiliaries were organized commended the work, saying the more interested the women are in the Home Mission Society, the more intelligent they become. Others expressed themselves as being anxious to have the work started in their Churches.

The amount of dues paid to the General Treasurer exceeds that of any

previous year. With this report we send fifteen subscribers to our paper, hoping to increase the list during the next quarter.

With willing hearts and ready hands we enter upon another year's work.

CORA PROVINE, *Conference Corresponding Secretary*.

ERIE CONFERENCE.

WE have no great cities in our Conference, few Churches of large membership, and less than one-half dozen of our Auxiliaries number over fifty members. Aside from these, we average perhaps fifteen members to our several Auxiliaries, about twelve hundred members in all, scattered in our rural districts. These are loyal and true to the work of the organization, and, with them, to know of the work is to do it, not so largely as some others can do, but always generously and willingly. Many of our people emphasize the tithe, and thus our giving is liberal and systematic. Some of our Auxiliaries have grown weak, and seem ready to die because of adverse circumstances; but others are putting on new strength, and are growing in activity. We have secured a number of paying members and some subscribers in charges where we have no Auxiliaries, and these are making an influence in League mission work and in supplies. We enroll them as district members, crediting the number, dues, and subscribers in their several districts. Miss McIlmoyl visited us in May, and assisted in forming a new Auxiliary in Erie, Pa. She also helped us most efficiently in Meadville District meeting. Miss Arbuckle, our Brooklyn deaconess, made a telling address at New Castle District meeting. At each of the district meetings a pastor or a presiding elder gave an address. Miss Baldwin, of Haven Home, and Miss Williams, of Boylan Home, stirred the hearts of ministers and people at the Conference Anniversary. Our Annual Board Meeting at Chautauqua was presided over by Mrs. Baker. All the Conference officers and most of the district officers were in attendance. Auxiliaries were well represented, and much good work was done. The widow of Rev. J. E. Chapin, of precious memory in our Conference, gave us \$150 for work in Alaska. This names and furnishes the Louisa Chapin room in the new building in Unalaska. Three sisters in Erie Conference are praying and paying for the work at Pleasanton, N. M. This work is among the whites.

The Treasurer's report shows you our contributions to Emergency Fund and our filled pledges.

The new year opens well, and in the name of the Lord we set up our banner, for hitherto he hath helped us.

ANNIE M. CUMMINGS, *Corresponding Secretary*.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE.

THERE are eight Auxiliaries and one Mission Circle in the bounds of our Conference. Some of them are doing good work, while some could not do any. The Mission Circle of Boylan Home, under the supervision of Miss H. E. Emerson, will be in working order. We have quite a number of subscribers to the Home Mission paper. Boylan Home and School opened with a large attendance.

MRS. D. I. GRANT, *Corresponding Secretary*.

GENESEE CONFERENCE.

THE Woman's Home Missionary Society of Genesee Conference has done good work during the last year, but for the first time in the history of our Society we are obliged to record the death of one of our principal officers. On the evening of September 29th, after a severe illness of several months, our beloved President, Mrs. E. E. Chambers, passed from suffering to reward. She was our first and only President, having been elected in 1886 when our Conference was organized. Her re-election from year to year is ample proof of the efficiency and faithfulness with which she performed the duties of her office. She was an earnest Christian, and her first thought and most earnest prayers were for the advancement of Christ's kingdom. She was deeply interested in all mission work, and wrought earnestly and successfully to advance the cause of Home Missions in our Conference. We shall greatly miss her in our future work and plans, but rejoice that our loss is her infinite and eternal gain.

We have made some advancement in our work during the last year. Five new organizations have been added to our number, with a total membership of 79. All of the six districts in our Conference are organized as district associations, and the officers are earnestly, and I may say in most cases successfully, laboring to increase and extend the work in their districts. Our Deaconess Home has had the most prosperous year in its entire history. The Silver Lake Institute was held the second week in August, with daily sessions of one hour each during the entire week. These were well attended, and awakened increased interest in our work.

Special funds have been raised and appropriated in the following manner:

Allen Indian Home at Asheville.....	\$156 00
Ritter Home.....	75 00
Emergency Fund.....	125 00
Stickney Home.....	13 00
Browning Home.....	40 00
Alaska Home.....	66 00
Deaconess Home.....	1,004 00
Local Work.....	213 00

Small sums have also been sent to Mother's Jewels Home and National Training-school.

Our Supply Secretary reports an advance in amount of supplies sent.

As a Society, we are greatly encouraged as we enter upon the work of another year, and hope that we shall be able to report still greater advances at its close.

MRS. ELIZABETH B. GREEN,
Corresponding Secretary.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE embraces the eastern part of the State of Tennessee. It is mostly mountainous, and its resources are undeveloped; but it has a large number of loyal, self-sacrificing Methodist ministers and many devoted laymen. These people are anxious that their children should have opportunities for education, but are largely dependent upon the Southern Education Society, the General Missionary Society, the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and the Board of Education of the

Methodist Episcopal Church for means to keep their children in school. The average salary of the Methodist ministers of the Conference is less than \$300 per year. It is a Mission Conference in a very real sense.

This Conference has four Auxiliaries, with 95 members; one Circle, with 35 members; and one Band, with 22 members.

Their thank-offering was \$15; mite-box collection, \$6; total collections, \$782.

The interest in deaconess work in Knoxville is growing. The new President of the Conference, Mrs. J. Jones, of Knoxville, formerly of Baltimore, is an earnest and enthusiastic worker, and will greatly strengthen the work.

F. V. CHAPMAN,
Corresponding Secretary.

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.

THE Woman's Home Missionary Society of Illinois Conference is doing good work. Quincy is the only one of the nine Conference Districts without an Auxiliary to the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Steps have been taken towards organizing Quincy District, and we have reason to think that at our next Conference session every district will be found actively engaged in this branch of mission work. Not more than eight new Auxiliaries have been organized during the year; for this, like all other branches of benevolence, has been hindered by the financial depression peculiar to the times.

The Annual Meeting of the Conference Society was held in Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, Bloomington, Ill., October 7th and 8th. This is said to be the most promising Annual Meeting our Conference Society has ever held.

Miss Crawford, who graduated from the Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school in June last, was consecrated on Friday evening, the 8th, to the work of a deaconess, Bishop Bowman officiating. Miss Crawford will be in our Cunningham Deaconess Home and Orphanage at Urbana, and will go out from there at the call of our ministers, to assist in various lines of Church work.

We are also to have a classmate of Miss Crawford's, a deaconess from the Kindergarten Department of our Training-school, who will be of great help in training the children.

The Cunningham Deaconess Home and Orphanage is in a flourishing condition, and will probably, as heretofore, be the central interest of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Illinois Conference.

Our paper, *Woman's Home Missions*, is taken in nearly every one of our Auxiliaries, is thoroughly read, and often quoted in our monthly meetings.

Many of our members have responded to the emergency call.

We are moving onward, praying, planning, and working daily for better things.

(MISS) MARY S. PEGRAM,
Conference Corresponding Secretary.

INDIANA CONFERENCE.

IN recording the events of the year, we find that growth and faithfulness have crowned the closing of this, our eleventh year as a Conference Society. Difficulties have been met with Christian persistence, and we have learned that while God did not make the way easy for us, he has made something of us.

Every year since the claims of the Woman's Home Missionary Society were first pressed upon our attention, and the Society called into being, we have gained new conceptions of its demands and possibilities, and in none have they been presented more clearly than in the one just closed.

One cheering feature of the year's work is a marked increase of interest among our young people, and we propose, through a circular letter to the Epworth Leagues, to bring the cause of Home Missions more closely to them; this letter also to be the means of raising a fund for scholarships in our Deaconess Training-school and Industrial Homes.

One of these Young People's Societies was organized for this express purpose, a Society of eighteen young girls at Connersville; and, although only a few months old, has sent eighteen dollars into the treasury.

We have recently appointed a Secretary of Young People's Work, Mrs. Sarah Cornelius Parker, of Indianapolis.

The Conference embraces thirty-one Societies. Six of these are especially interested in aiding dependent girls in our Industrial Homes. Four Conventions have been held; in addition to these six public meetings, where the needs of the work have been presented, and large quantities of literature distributed by Conference and district officers. In Indianapolis District Mrs. C. L. Weaver, District President, reports having made thirty-five addresses, in most part, in unorganized Churches. The precious seed thus sown will not fall without the Father's notice. An increased amount of local work has been done, many of our members doing regular deaconess work; some Auxiliaries reporting five hundred visits—this is especially the case with Hall Place and Connersville Auxiliaries. Altogether footing up, over fifteen hundred visits were made by these consecrated women.

The teachers in our schools now number four: Miss Rosie Robertson, the last addition.

Two hundred copies of Mrs. Williams's "Talks to Treasurers" have been printed and circulated.

We are pained to report a lack of interest in *Woman's Home Missions* and mite-boxes. We will faithfully endeavor to increase this. The last pleasing event of the year was the Conference Anniversary, presided over by Mrs. Flora Wulschner, Conference President. Brief reports were given by the Conference officers. These were abridged, so as to give more time to the address of Rev. C. C. Lasby. A large and enthusiastic audience listened to the eloquent and stirring words of Rev. Lasby, as he reviewed the history of the Society, and touched upon the misery of New Mexico, the people of the great West, the Indians, the Mormons of Utah, the immigrant and supply work.

As a result of this meeting a large number of places were secured for the presentation of the work in the unorganized districts. It was a happy day for the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

From the altars of the women of the Indiana Conference grateful thanksgivings ascend to Him who has crowned the work of the year with his benediction, and confirmed it with the seal of his approval.

MRS. A. V. P. ADAMS, *Conference Secretary*.

MRS. JOHN WINGATE, *Assistant*.

IOWA CONFERENCE.

IN passing through the desert of difficulty this year, I have found many oases, with sweet refreshment and shade.

“There lies no desert in the land of life;
For e'en that tract that barrenest doth seem
Labored of Thee in faith and hope, shall teem
With heavenly harvests and rich gatherings rife.”

All the Auxiliaries have done well; perhaps not up to the height of privilege and duty, yet there has been increased interest everywhere. I was not able to do any organizing during the winter months, save one district; but under the blessing of the Master and the co-operation of willing workers, ten new organizations have been effected. Three of these were Queen Esther Circles, and they are the first fruits among our young people. I record with gratitude several invitations to present our work to the District League Conventions, and also to the District Ministerial Associations, which indicates that attention is being turned toward the work of our Society. We are still laying the foundation upon which we expect to see a fair structure arise. The statistics for the year are encouraging, having an increase in every department, save subscribers to *Children's Home Missions* and supplies, in which there is a decrease.

We have supported four beneficiaries during the year; one in the Adeline Smith Home, one in the Stickney Home, and two in the Jesse Lee Home in Alaska. Ten dollars were given toward the building fund of the Jesse Lee Home, and ten dollars for a memorial window in the Harwood Home. There is a growing interest in the deaconess work, since the Bidwell Deaconess Home (located in Des Moines, the capital of our State) has become affiliated with our Society, and we are planning to aid in its support the coming year. This work is becoming so popular, that our Conference authorized our Board of Nine to secure a deaconess to visit all our Churches and represent this part of the work, which means much for the future success of the Woman's Home Missionary Society within the bounds of our Conference. I believe that within five years all of our leading Churches will employ deaconesses, and hence we ought to strengthen this department in order to supply them.

The Conference Anniversary was largely attended. Mrs. Nelle S. Brush ably presented our cause. The Annual Meeting, in results, was the best ever held. We are now well organized, and have changed the meeting to a time when we can have more opportunity to transact the necessary business, and be away from the rush, bustle, and distraction of a Conference session. The ministers have received me, as the representative of our work, with great kindness and cordiality. I have not accomplished all that I have labored for or longed to see; but I am not fainting nor weary, for there is nothing to discourage, but everything to encourage. Then, “If I may, I'll serve another day.”

“The sweetest lives are those to duty wed,
Whose deeds, both great and small,
Are close-knit strands of an unbroken thread,
Where love ennobles all.
The world may sound no trumpets, ring no bells;
The book of life the shining record tells.

O ye who would be true forget not this—
 Our life of many trifles is the sum.
 Great actions never to the many come;
 But he who, in His Name, alone shall give
 Some needy one a cup of water cold,
 Shall surely reap reward an hundredfold."

MRS. LAVANDA G. MURPHY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

KANSAS CONFERENCE.

INTEREST is steadily growing in the work of our Society. The past year has been our best one. More money was contributed than in any previous year of our history. We have added several strong Societies during the year.

Our Conference Annual Meeting was held in First Church, Topeka, in May, with a good representation from the Auxiliaries, and a full attendance of Conference officers. Bishop and Mrs. Vincent were present during part of our sessions, and added to the success of our meeting by their words of encouragement.

During our Conference Anniversary in March, at Manhattan, we were favored by having with us Mrs. James Dale, of Cincinnati, who made many friends for our Society among the members of our Conference.

We have continued the Harwood Home and Industrial School for girls at Albuquerque, New Mexico, as our special work.

Miss Blanch Riggle, our Kansas Conference girl, has entered the Lucy Webb Hayes National Training-school for Deaconesses at Washington, D. C., to fit herself for a nurse deaconess. She is supported by our Conference Society.

We are encouraged, and expect a prosperous year.

HILA B. MCBRIDE, *Conference Secretary.*

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

It is with gratitude to God that we present our report. The work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Louisiana Conference has been carried forward faithfully, although we have been confronted with many difficulties and discouragements; but we thank God, for he has led us safely, and where he leads us we will follow. We have a more encouraging and hopeful outlook for the year upon which we have just entered. There is a great deal of work to be done down South, and we are praying for more consecrated, intelligent Christian women to lead in this great and glorious work.

Statistical report: Money received from the 15th of June, 1896, to October 15, 1896, \$42.82; money received December 29, 1896, to July 19, 1897, \$50.66; sent to General Treasurer, \$50.66; as a whole, \$93.48, leaving balance in treasury, \$13; making total, \$106.48. We have an increase of \$21.66 more than last year. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

I have traveled 1,500 miles in the interest of the Woman's Home Missionary Society this year, and paid my own expenses to and fro. Paid for stationeries from June 15, 1896, to July 15, 1897, \$10, with my own money, and have sacrificed to forward this work and attend this Convention. I have organized the following Auxiliaries: Opelousas, Washington, Eola, New Iberia, which gave \$2; Bunkie, \$2.25; Boonville, \$1; Lafayette, \$2;

Pineville, \$2.55; Alexandria, \$2.82; Cheneyville, \$2; total, \$14.66. The Convention at Alexandria, our Annual Conference Meeting, was a great success, and left a lasting impression and much good accomplished. The Alexandria District is very encouraging. Our motto is, "An Auxiliary in every Church." There is a great field yet before me. A bequest of a lot of ground for an Industrial School at Lafayette, by a prominent white citizen of that place, to the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. I hope the ladies will take this under consideration. It will speak well for Lafayette, as it is a Catholic settlement. All Creoles live there. Also the Auxiliary at Bunkie bought a lot for \$56, for a graveyard to bury their dead, and donated it to the Methodist Episcopal Church. So you can see I have not been asleep. I have organized a Reading Circle in the Board, and I have finished the first year's course. I intend, God being my helper, to organize more Reading Circles, and bring Alexandria District to the front. I owe my success to my husband, for he has surely helped me. I ask an interest in your prayers, that the Lord will strengthen me in this work. With prayers for added blessings, we leave our work in the hands of Him who can overrule all mistakes, and give greater victories in the year to come.

Yours in His Name,

D. M. WALKER,
Corresponding Secretary.

MAINE CONFERENCE.

A REVIEW of the seed-time and the harvest of another year prompts our gratitude to Him who maketh both the sower and the reaper to rejoice together. For our Conference Anniversary we were fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. B. F. Potter, who gave an excellent address, and also made an itinerary in our State, representing the work, awakening a deeper interest, securing new members, and organizing our forces. Four new Societies were established at the following places: Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Westbrook, and Auburn. A Mission Circle of sixteen members was formed at South Paris, and six members were secured as a nucleus for an Auxiliary. Miss Alice May Douglass, Secretary of the Young People's Department, reports two Bands of Mothers' Jewels, and several Societies have made offerings that will be reported by the Treasurer.

Later the Conference Secretary formed a Society at the East Livermore Camp-meeting, and afterward one at Wayne. Other Societies have been visited, and it is wonderful how an interest is awakened when the people are informed concerning our humane and Christlike work. A District Meeting has been held at Gorham, and another is planned for Woodford's. Miss Abbott, of Clark University, spoke at Old Orchard Camp-meeting; also Miss Mitchel, of Atlanta, represented her work at the same meeting, and visited several charges to secure funds for the support of girls in the Atlanta Home.

Special work has been done at several places for the Thayer Home, Immigrants' Home, and Alaska; also for a school in South Carolina. Saco Auxiliary has paid part of a teacher's salary, proving what hands can do when hearts are interested. The Treasurer writes: "They have sent me \$70 since Conference." Mite-boxes have done good service, and it is desirable that more should be utilized, that nothing be lost. One bequest of about \$300, from a woman in Alfred, Me., will come to our Society when her estate is settled. Our Agent of Supplies, Miss Isabel Allen, has ably managed that department, securing supplies valued at \$611. Our officers have rendered efficient service, but their work is somewhat em-

barrassed by the neglect, on the part of the Auxiliaries, to send accurate and prompt reports each quarter. An improvement at this point would favorably affect the work all along the line. Although the subscription list of our excellent paper, *Home Missions*, has increased, this welcome evangel does not yet receive the attention that it deserves. We have much to encourage us in rescuing our sisters from ignorance and degradation, and in elevating them to the dignity and blessedness of Christian womanhood. In serving our Savior and Lord under the guiding star of our beautiful motto, we have the inspiring presence of Him who said, "Lo, I am with you alway."

MRS. SARAH F. PALMER,
Corresponding Secretary.

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

THE cause of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in Michigan Conference is quietly and steadily advancing in its various lines of work. One year of work by itself may not show great progress, but by taking year after year, a marked advance is noticeable. Five years ago we attempted the support of our first beneficiary; now we are supporting six. Five years ago we sent to the General Treasury \$482.50; this year, \$1,758. Five years ago total receipts were, \$1,149; this year, \$3,100. Five years ago we received the first bequest of \$400; since then we have had one of \$250, another of \$574, another of \$200, and another of \$100, besides a house and lot worth to the Society about \$800.

The advance is not only noticeable in its financial status, but is also marked in the systematic manner in which the work of the Society is done. Each year we are getting on a more substantial basis.

Eight new Auxiliaries were organized during the year, with sixty-eight members; one Mission Circle, of ten members; and we have added to our list eighteen camp-meeting members.

At the Annual Meeting held last November we added to our special work the salary of Miss Anna Mosher, Superintendent of the "New Jersey Home." This was somewhat of a venture for several reasons: first, because of the lateness in the year; and, second, because of the depression in financial matters. We trusted in Him who said, "I will be with you," and the salary has been paid all but eight dollars. One hundred and seventy-nine dollars were sent for the Emergency Fund. Successful services were held at five camp-meetings. The district meetings were more than usually interesting, and more largely attended than formerly. The mite-box work has had an advance over last year. The value of supplies was less, because of the decrease on the demand in our Conference.

The deaconess work branched out during the year. Miss Bell worked in the city of Jackson, and won for herself and the cause many friends. The Home has besides the Superintendent two deaconesses, and two in training. The local work has had its usual attention.

We are devoutly thankful to our Heavenly Father for the many encouraging aspects of the work, and the blessings that come to us continually as we labor for the Master. We begin the new year with added interest, and hope for greater results than in the past.

MRS. LEVI MASTER, *Conference Corresponding Secretary.*

MINNESOTA AND NORTHERN MINNESOTA CONFERENCE.

MINNESOTA holds "Mission relations" to our Home work, and, as compared with older States, is not yet very strong. Many of the charges of our Methodist Episcopal Church exist in small, new towns, where frequent cases arise of the people giving less than \$100 a year for their pastor's support, so that upon our Auxiliaries often devolve the duties of assistance.

Our Auxiliaries, numbering eleven in all, are entirely confined to the "twin cities," Minneapolis containing all but three. Under the existing conditions, we hold the privilege of appropriating one-half of the missionary dues for supplies for our frontier preachers.

Our Auxiliaries, during the year closing with June 15th, expended \$132 for pulpit suits, fur overcoats, etc.; \$482 for scholarships in our Homes or Missions; to the Emergency Fund \$120; sent to the General Treasury one-half our receipts, and to the frontier a good quantity of supplies.

Our joy would know no bounds could we report largely advancing work by way of new organizations. All efforts seem hedged by the cry of failures of the harvest and heavily indebted Church Societies, most of which are doing local work, if any.

In the hearts of our many benevolent women the value of the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society has deepened and broadened, and we firmly believe the future will speak volumes for the prayerful and earnest interest existing.

Our very first Quarterly Home Missionary Meeting was held February 22d, when both morning and afternoon were filled by a delightful program, having also as a guest from the Pacific Coast our beloved Mrs. D. L. Carver.

Our Annual Meeting was held in May, in one of our largest churches, and was of intense interest.

Besides visiting Auxiliaries, the work during the year was presented before a Ministerial Institute in May, with a hope of raising more enthusiasm among the ministers.

At Red Rock Camp-meeting in June, at Annual Conference in September, by a timid worker hardly of one year's growth, and at our late Quarterly Meeting in September, we were greatly gratified to find the attendance greatly increased over any former occasion.

While we carry no banners to flaunt in the breeze, in our hearts we carry consecrated service to our Master in this beautiful work, deep trust and high hopes that some time our beloved Minnesota will shine in the constellation of star States, by advancing in the cause of Christ our Lord.

MRS. JOHN TAYLOR,

Conference Corresponding Secretary.

MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

THE Annual Meeting of the Missouri Conference Society was the best ever held in its history. Mrs. James Dale spent two days with us. She made the address, and did much work in a quiet way, as she met the ladies during the sessions of Conference. She addressed a Children's Meeting on Sunday afternoon, and was present at our business meeting.

During the first six months of the year the Auxiliaries were in good

working order, and sent out large boxes of supplies; but during the summer the extreme heat has been detrimental, and while our Auxiliaries are not dead, they are not so active.

The Auxiliary of First Church, St. Joseph, has decided to support a scholar in "Ritter Home."

The "Jewel boxes" and "membership cards" are being used freely, and we hope to have large returns from them.

Our interests were presented at the St. Joseph and Maryville Districts Camp-meetings by Mrs. Spurlock. Good collections were taken for the Mothers' Jewels Home, and much interest in the general work awakened. Only one Auxiliary has been organized during the year. This is a difficult field. It has been pre-empted by the Foreign Society. They are well organized, and have many interested to push the work for them. Many charges feel that they can not afford two Auxiliaries, and the pastors to a large extent do not seem to realize the important work the Home Society is doing, so that we do not have so much assistance in that direction as we should have. But for the past two Conferences we have been most kindly and emphatically brought before the pastors by the presiding bishop and the general secretaries. At our last Conference we were indebted to Bishop Cranston, Drs. Spencer, Rees, and Smith, for not only many kind words, but for the interest in trying to impress the pastors with their duty toward the Society.

We intend to push forward, and do all we can.

MRS. PRICE A. CROW, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEBRASKA CONFERENCE.

THE greatest need of our Conference is to be furnished with an organizer who can, by her personal presence and words, inspire the workers to hold fast that which they have, and organize in new fields. We are looking forward with hope that the Executive Board will this year allow us such help.

The Annual Conference, being held at York this last September, gave us an opportunity to open the doors of the Mothers' Jewels National Home, and show the ministers and visiting friends our treasures of childhood, farm, and field. We made the most of it. Great delight was expressed by all, and we trust there was born in each a desire to have a helping hand in the good work.

About two weeks ago marked a day of great rejoicing in the "Home," as well as in the heart of the Conference Corresponding Secretary, for after two years of waiting, through the energy of Mrs. Beiler, who seems able to bring things to pass, Ivan Penkoff, a little nine-year-old Alaskan, was safely carried through on his check, claimed duly by Mr. Spurlock, and at once encircled by loving hearts and a halo of prayers. He is proving himself sunny and winsome of nature, and we already believe that Mrs. Beiler struck a rich "find" in that land of gold, a nugget of priceless value. Give your prayers, sisters, that through him some of God's great redemptive scheme may be realized.

MRS. J. R. WOODCOCK,
Corresponding Secretary for Nebraska Conference.

NEWARK CONFERENCE.

THE watchword of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Newark Conference is "Onward." The year just closed has been full of interest, and much has been accomplished for the good of the Society.

In October last we were called to make a change in our Conference officers, our faithful President and Corresponding Secretary feeling obliged to withdraw and take up less heavy work. But we feel that in our selection of Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff for our President, the mantle of Elijah has fallen upon Elisha. The work has grown, and is still growing. Faithful pioneer effort has paved the way for success along many lines, which we believe our chief officers and members generally are not slow to grasp.

Our Annual Meeting, which was held in November in St. Paul's Church, Newark, was a source of inspiration to all who attended.

During the year our districts have been thoroughly organized, officered, and special effort was made to secure for these places women who are alive to the possibilities of good contained in our organization, and who are willing to "Do with their might what their hands find to do." District Meetings were held in each of the four Conference Districts, and much good has been accomplished through work which received its initial inspiration at these gatherings. At two of them, those held at Newark and Elizabeth, we were favored with the presence of our faithful and energetic National President.

On the Newark District much interest has been shown in the supply work, and many boxes and barrels have been sent to our Homes and to faithful ministers of Christ.

Elizabeth District has also made a good record in this respect, and much faithful work has been done for our beloved Society.

Paterson District seems to have awakened to its privileges and possibilities. This is indicated by the fact that three of the four new Auxiliaries organized in our Conference during the year, and two Young People's Societies, are in charges on this district.

Jersey City is also full of interest in our work in the direction of a Deaconess Home, rooms for which have been secured in that city. We feel that, after long and patient waiting, we are now to see the realization of some of our hopes in the opening of this Home in this city, where it is so greatly needed.

The Conference Union Meeting, the third in a series, embracing the New York, Newark, New York East, New Jersey, and Philadelphia Conferences, was held in Hanson Place Church, Brooklyn, March 20, 1897. On this occasion Mrs. Fisk presided, and pastor and people united to give us a royal welcome. We believe that these meetings have produced unity of feeling and increased knowledge of the work, and have resulted in good to all who have participated.

The local work in Newark, under the direction and control of our Woman's Home Missionary Society, has been the medium of great good to many of the unchurched poor in that large city. Mrs. Florence D. Watson, our faithful home missionary, and Miss Lowe (and for part of the year a third worker also), have done faithful work, and have brought light and comfort to many hearts, who otherwise might have raised the bitter and hopeless cry, "No man cared for my soul." Mrs. Watson reports 5,354 visits made, 234 children brought to Sunday-school during the year.

Our Camp-meeting Anniversary was held at Camp Tabor in August. It was an occasion of great interest, and was profitable to all who attended.

Mite-box Secretary Mrs. A. D. Freeland, reports \$508 received during the year, through these small but effective devices for gathering even our most insignificant coin for the treasury of the Lord. But how great the sum when multiplied by Auxiliaries, and again by Conferences!

The supply work of our Conference, as represented by Mrs. Boswell,

has been ably carried on. Many boxes and barrels have been filled and sent to our Homes and ministers on the frontier.

The Emergency Fund has received attention, by subscriptions from both individuals and Auxiliaries.

The "Missionary and Deaconess Rest Home," in Ocean Grove, is an object-lesson of instruction in practical benevolence for the many who visit it each summer. It is now fairly established, and through the personal ministrations of those who have been most concerned in its establishment, supplemented by the gifts of those who could not do any other thing, we have here a beautiful place of rest by the sea for the blessing of our many workers, who here find refreshment for mind and body.

Our pledges have all been redeemed, and in some cases the amounts raised have been in excess of those promised. These are on the credit side of our account to the amount of \$100.

Our Reading Circle has many members, who are thus gaining an intelligent interest in our Society.

Woman's Home Missions and *Children's Home Missions* are thoroughly appreciated among us, and the list of subscribers to both, particularly to *Children's Home Missions*, is large. It seems to be just the thing needed for the guidance and instruction of our young children, and will certainly make Woman's Home Missionary Society women of all the subscribers.

Our Conference Society has a peculiar interest in the work of our Industrial Homes and in Deaconess Work, because of our personal interest in and knowledge of several of the Christian women who have done so much by practical work to secure the success of these branches of our Woman's Home Missionary Society. Mrs. Lewis and Miss Morehouse in our Southern Homes, and Mrs. Clark, Miss Kirstine Peterson, and Miss Crawford are names of those whom we have known and loved for many years, and whose career as Christian workers we watch with pride.

We are represented in the Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school for Deaconesses at Washington by Mrs. Cole, whose support the Executive Board assumed at the September meeting.

Our Auxiliaries support beneficiaries in Jesse Lee, Boylan, Harwood, Haven, and Watts de Peyster Homes. We are sure that every Auxiliary which thus becomes connected by bonds of Christian benevolence with these forms of our work, will take an added interest in every part of the work. The blessing of giving is like the quality of mercy—

"It is not strained:
It droppeth like the gentle dew from heaven,
Upon the place beneath. It is twice blessed:
It blesseth him that gives, and him that takes."

MRS. CHARLES E. HILL, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

IN the midst of financial depression the cause of the Woman's Home Missionary Society has yet been abundantly prospered, and we have to report the largest sum ever raised in one year. Before the call of our General Treasurer for an Emergency Fund to meet the Society's indebtedness had reached us through *Woman's Home Missions*, our President, Mrs. G. W. Mansfield, in calling the monthly meeting of the Board, sent out to its members an earnest appeal to come prepared to help, that our Conference Treasurer at the close of the meeting had \$165 in hand.

The sum grew before the close of the financial year to \$553, and is still increasing. The Conference work calls for quite an amount for its support, yet there is no tendency to localize our efforts. A beneficiary has been supported in the Lucy Webb Hayes Deaconess Home at Washington, D. C.; contributions have been given for Stickney, Watts de Peyster, Asheville, Browning, and other Southern Homes, as well as for the work in Utah and on the Pacific Coast.

Decrease in immigration has found no diminution in the labors of the Superintendent of our Immigrant Home, Mrs. A. C. Clark, and her assistant, Miss Lillian Huff. The Immigrant Commissioner not infrequently commits to the care of Mrs. Clark cases requiring careful consideration and adjustment before the person can be admitted to a residence in the United States. Her judicious counsel and Christian ministrations to such strangers, understanding little of our ways of life and possibly nothing of our language, is an inestimable blessing. Work among the children who are weekly gathered in the Home for a sewing-school, and sometimes a little prayer-meeting, has increased in interest and numbers. The friendly ministries to needy neighbors in their homes has often brought rich blessing beyond the material aid. The cost of supporting the Home for the year was \$1,340.

The work of the Medical Mission, under the direction of the devoted and cultured Superintendent, Professor Harriette J. Cooke, has broadened in its second year, both in the numbers it has reached, and in the different cases treated at the clinics held at the Mission, 40 Hull Street, Boston. The singing in the gospel service is a wonderful attraction, and many are glad to join in the hymns who have not learned to love the Christ. The faithful nurse, Miss Wade, as she has lovingly ministered to the sick in their homes, and taught them needed lessons in cleanliness, has won souls to Him, in whose name she works. Six hundred and fifteen patients have been treated at the Medical Mission, and 758 cases outside, and 2,613 visits have been made in homes. The expenses of the Medical Mission last year were \$846. The estimated cost for the coming year is \$1,050.

The value of supplies was somewhat smaller than in some previous years, because of the larger call near our own homes.

The work of the Religious Periodical Bureau and the Home Missionary Reading Circle has not been neglected. Two new Auxiliaries and one Circle have been organized during the year. A bequest of \$463.50 has been received by the will of Miss Hannah Haven, of Malden, Mass.

At our Conference Anniversary in April, our honored President, Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, was the speaker, and her words carried their usual weight and power.

The record of successful work may not be closed without a word of the shadows that have touched us. Through many months our roll was unchanged, save as it lengthened as we welcomed a new worker; but just as we met for our Conference Annual Meeting, Mrs. S. B. Holway, honored and beloved throughout the Conference for the strength and beauty of her character and eminent Christian graces, ripe in years and wisdom, was called to meet the Master whom she has so devotedly served. She was the first President of the New England Conference, and a member of the Board until her death. Mrs. J. W. Cushing, a member of the Board, has been bereaved in the death of her husband.

Thanking our Father for the privilege of being co-laborers with him, we look forward to larger usefulness in the years to come for the love of Christ and in His Name.

SARAH WYMAN FLOYD,

Conference Corresponding Secretary.

NEW ENGLAND SOUTHERN CONFERENCE.

OUR former beloved and very efficient Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Alice Tregaskis, has been compelled to resign on account of removal from the Conference.

For the first time we have to record the loss of one of our interested and faithful workers. Mrs. V. R. Wheeler, Treasurer of Norwich District, passed away early in the year.

Various signs indicate a growing interest in our work in the Conference. Pastors are requesting that our work be presented to their people, and Churches are asking for information. Three new Auxiliaries at important points have been organized, and none discontinued. An especially encouraging feature is the organization of an enthusiastic Young Ladies' Circle in the city of Providence.

It is the intention to bring together in this Society the young ladies from all the Methodist Churches in the city. The pledges made at the Annual Meeting have steadily increased for several years, and have been in almost every instance fully redeemed. The response to the appeal for \$5 subscriptions to the Emergency Fund has been prompt and generous. To the Leaflet Fund the Auxiliaries have contributed very generally, and have been better supplied with literature.

We have within our Conference a large and growing Portuguese population. One Auxiliary, that of County Street, New Bedford, has awakened new interest, and increased its revenues by helping support a mission among these people. One of our members teaches both in the Sunday-school and the evening school, and the mission is frequently visited by a committee appointed by the Auxiliary.

Our Society was greatly encouraged by the presence of our National President, Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, at the Conference Anniversary. Her inspiring address awakened new interest, and won friends to the Society.

The results of the year, although not large, are encouraging. We enter upon the new year, praying that the Master, whose we are, and whom we serve, will give us wisdom and strength to go forward.

MRS. J. A. SOUTHARD, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE.

FOR the past few years New Hampshire Conference has reported an increase in interest and enthusiasm throughout her borders.

This year we are happy to report twelve new organizations—nine Auxiliaries, two Bands, and one Queen Esther Circle. We have also several Mite-box Circles, and the work has been introduced into many Junior Leagues. We do not consider this the work of one year's effort, but of several.

Almost all of the new Auxiliaries have reported an increase in membership since organization.

Mrs. B. S. Potter, of Illinois, gave the address at our Conference Anniversary, and spent several weeks with us strengthening and organizing Auxiliaries, and giving information to Churches. She gave us most excellent service.

We had with us the past summer several of our missionaries, who spoke at our camp-ground anniversaries and in some of the Auxiliaries.

Miss Emerson, Miss Russell, and Miss Penfield were among the number. On one camp-ground one lady secured one hundred Mothers' Jewels.

During the past year we have supported, or helped to support, beneficiaries in the South, Alaska, in the Chinese Home, Watts de Peyster, have helped the Mother's Jewels Home, and sent money to the Emergency Fund.

At our Annual Meeting, held in Claremont, N. H., in September, an advance in all lines of work was reported

On one of our districts a Union Home and Foreign District Meeting was held, which was very successful, and a most beautiful spirit prevailed.

Our districts are now provided with proper officers. We also have a Mite-box, Supply, Reading Circle, Young People's, and Mother's Jewels Secretaries; all doing good work.

ADA T. WELLS,

Corresponding Secretary.

NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE.

THE outlook for effective work on the districts was never more promising; they are all now officered by consecrated women, who are anxious to work for the Master. Many of our district meetings are Conference Conventions in miniature, because of the interest shown in the various departments of work.

Our Conference Anniversary was a success in every way. Rev. Parks Cadman, of New York City, and Dr. George K. Morris, of Boston, were the speakers. Our National President having accepted an invitation to visit our Conference on that occasion, was once more at home with us as the presiding officer of the evening. Our Conference President originated the thought of sending out letters to pastors throughout the Conference, soliciting a hearing for our work. These letters were written by the Secretary, and besides bearing her signature, the President also gave hers. We are hoping in this way to awaken interest, and at the same time open the way for organization.

We pledge another year of faithful, earnest effort for Him who has given us the promise of the "Inasmuch."

G. M. P. WELLS,

Corresponding Secretary.

NEW YORK CONFERENCE.

THE New York Conference Society, metropolitan in name, cosmopolitan in scope, humanitarian in spirit, and Christlike in purpose, brings greeting to the mothers and sisters of our Society. We know that you will rejoice in our successes, and be patient with our weaknesses and limitations. We report progress, and ask to be continued in our work.

We have raised nearly three times as much money this year as we did last, the excellent report of \$3,000 being made possible through a beautiful bequest of \$884 from Mrs. Anna Maria Lamorie, of Hyde Park, which came to us in December of 1896.

We trust the present year may have as fortunate a closing month.

At Springfield last year the Conference Society, through its efficient and much-loved President, Mrs. Mary Fisk Park, made pledges to the Home for Immigrant Girls, to Alaska, to Oriental Work in California, to Mormon Work in Salt Lake City, to Ritter Home, Athens, Tenn.; all of which pledges have been faithfully met. Also, we have given large donations to Watts de Peyster Home at Tivoli, aided in the Emergency Fund, and packed a big box for Alaska, valued at \$160, and which included a new Singer sewing-machine. The box was unpacked during

Mrs. Beiler's visit to Unalaska, and the letters of delight and gratitude from the missionaries and Mrs. Beiler are worthy to be kept in the archives of the Society.

Our supply work, which is most carefully managed by Mrs. Jennie Baird, represents an increase over the previous year. We have one Auxiliary in the Conference not yet two years old, which has gathered supplies valued at \$1,000 since last May (Madison Avenue Auxiliary, New York).

We have also grown in numbers. Some new Auxiliaries and Children's Bands were organized last May on the Poughkeepsie District, by Miss Martha Van Marter. The public meetings of the year have had strong programs, and been well attended.

The group-meeting of five Conferences, held at Hanson Place Church, Brooklyn, the Conference Anniversary, and the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society were all favored by the presence of our National President, Mrs. Fisk, whose labors are abundant from sea to sea. We are trying to take good care of the institutions of the General Society, in which we are especially interested, because they are located near to us. "The Rest Home for Deaconesses and Missionaries," at Ocean Grove; "The Immigrant Girls' Home," in New York City; "The Watts de Peyster Home" for homeless girls, at Tivoli, have each the hearty support and indorsement of the New York Conference Society.

MRS. J. W. CAMPBELL, *Corresponding Secretary*,

NEW YORK EAST CONFERENCE.

In reporting for New York East Conference last year, I said, "The Home Missionary spirit is growing, and those closely watching developments can discover sure signs of increasing interest and friendliness on the part of Churches and pastors."

Our experience the past year has confirmed that opinion, and to-day the Woman's Home Missionary Society in this Conference counts among its warmest friends and allies those gained during the year.

We have been able to enter many Churches hitherto closed to our organizations, while others are standing ready to invite us, as soon as circumstances will permit. The only obstacle to the rapid spread of our Society in this Conference has been the feeling among the Churches that it took money out of the missionary field in our own cities, which need it so much. No opposition on any other ground has ever been felt or expressed, and much of the increased popularity of the cause is due to the action of this meeting last year, in allowing a division of the membership dues with the Deaconess Homes. Naturally the residents of our large cities are *most* vitally interested in the needy ones *nearest* their own doors, and the desire to minister to these leads them into closest sympathy with the city work of our deaconesses, so that this apparent desire on the part of this Board to help the local home field has opened the hearts of our constituency to the Woman's Home Missionary Society as never before.

Thus we feel that the Lord is opening wide the door for the larger prosecution of this important work in this conservative Conference.

We have redeemed all our pledges made last year, and increased our contribution to the General Fund. Our Deaconess Home has received \$4,085.30 from our treasury, and over \$1,500 in supplies.

Our faithful Secretary of Supplies, after noting the fact that we stand

fourth Conference in amount of supplies sent, says: "Letters of gratitude are pouring in from all directions, saying that our supplies are the best in quality, value, and acceptability of any received, and invoking the blessing of the Heavenly Father upon those Auxiliaries which, by their timely gifts, make it possible for them to keep the light of Methodism burning in the darkness of those Western States."

Our districts are more fully organized than ever before, and our district officers are vigorously pushing their work with good results.

At our Conference in April, Bishop Walden delivered the Anniversary address, which, though short, gave the warmest kind of indorsement to the work of our Society, and Miss Arbuckle, one of the younger deaconesses from our Home, electrified her audience by her splendid presentation of that work.

Our all-day Conference Society meetings and our district monthly meetings have been times of refreshing, where every department of our whole work has been faithfully presented.

The group-meeting this year, held at Hanson Place Church in February, was largely attended and greatly enjoyed by representatives from the New York, New Jersey, Newark, and Philadelphia Conferences, who in turn did their part to make the meeting helpful and inspiring, as all these group-meetings have been. We commend our experiment to other groups of Conferences.

The co-partnership in the conduct of our Deaconess Home, hinted at in our last report, has been consummated. The Brooklyn Church Society has become affiliated with us in this work, they agreeing to provide a house and to aid in its support. A fine house, valued at \$20,000, has been donated for this purpose by Mrs. Hans Christian, of Brooklyn, and the rooms are being rapidly furnished by Churches, Auxiliaries, and individuals.

The year, as a whole, has been a pleasant and prosperous one, and from this Ebenezer we go forth with courage and hope for the future.

MRS. CLARA H. CARHART, *Conference Secretary*.

NEW MEXICO MISSION (ENGLISH) CONFERENCE.

LIFE, with hope gone, is not worth living. Work, with hope waning, is indeed drudgery. The work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society is filled with life, bright hopes, and results already realized. During the year just closed we have seen more results in our work in New Mexico than any previous year. We had hoped to establish Auxiliaries throughout our field; but our Churches, having been much pressed upon by the long financial crisis, felt they could not consent to a complete organization; however, we were enabled to get reports from Secretaries of Supplies, from Churches that never before reported, so by gradual working we believe every charge will have a Woman's Home Missionary Society. Our schools have done excellent work. For lack in funds, our missionary preacher for our English people in Las Cruces was removed last year; and yet we found, through the efforts of the missionary in charge of our Spanish school at this point, Miss Tripp, our Methodist Church is still maintained; also that the school has made excellent progress in the Spanish work. Our school in Las Vegas is alive, and doing most satisfactory work, Miss Snyder being the tireless worker. Our Industrial Home in Albuquerque is an especial pride to us. Harwood Home is known throughout New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, California; in fact, throughout Methodism this Home is recognized. Our teachers have

done excellent work, not only in spiritual lines, but in domestic and school work. Our Albuquerque ladies have recently put a piano into the music room, which they are to furnish, and are now ready to accommodate pupils in music. Our work is interesting people in every locality.

Our Auxiliary in Albuquerque last year gathered and disbursed supplies to the amount of \$18. Santa Fe sent in the amount of supply work in cash which they had contributed, and throughout our Conference each year more of this work is done, showing how the Woman's Home Missionary Society has opened new avenues of usefulness for the betterment of the surroundings of the physical man in this far Southwest, as well as for the purifying of immortal souls. The results of this missionary work will only be revealed when our eyes open to things eternal.

MENTA S. BOVARD, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTHERN NEW YORK CONFERENCE.

THE Annual Meeting was held in April, at Watertown, N. Y. All of the Conference officers were re-elected with the exception of the Treasurer. Mrs. A. E. Henderson, of Oswego, declined re-election, and Mrs. W. R. Fitch, of Lowville, N. Y., was elected Conference Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Conference Anniversary was addressed by Mrs. George, Superintendent of Watts de Peyster Home. She made an interesting statement of the work generally, but especially set forth the efforts of our Society in the Industrial Homes and Schools.

At most of the camp-meetings in the Conference addresses were made, and the work and claims of our Society were presented to the people.

The district meetings have been held on every district in the Conference. They were visited by the Conference President, and by other of the Conference officers, who made addresses in regard to the deaconess work, the work in the Homes and Industrial Schools and Missions, and the general work and scope of our Society.

Miss Mary L. Gilbert, Conference Manager of Deaconess Work, has secured \$100 for a scholarship in the Lucy Webb Hayes National Training-school.

We have received a bequest of \$50 from Mrs. Harriet A. Rundell, of Mexico, N. Y. The Asheville Home has received the funds. Other bequests have been made, but not yet reported.

Special work has been accomplished in raising funds for scholarships, and for the endowment of beds and furnishings in our Industrial Homes and Schools.

There has also been increased activity in the deaconess department of work, not only in raising money, but in endeavoring to establish deaconess work within our Conference. There has been a loyal response to the call to aid the Emergency Fund.

The volume of supplies furnished has been large, and well directed under the management of Mrs. J. V. Ferguson, Knoxboro, N. Y., Conference Secretary of Supplies.

Clara A. Kemble and Ida Alice Blanchard, our missionary candidates, who were accepted, have been assigned to Watts de Peyster Home, and are performing acceptable work.

Cheering results have been experienced in the distribution of mite-boxes.

There has been an increase in subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions* and the *Children's Home Missions* has found a place in our homes.

We have made several life members, and the Contingent Fund has received increased attention. Auxiliaries and Circles have been organized, and the work generally is in a prosperous condition. With increased appreciation among our people, and with experienced officers at the head of the various departments, we bespeak greater usefulness for our Society for the ensuing year.

(MRS.) ALICE G. HUNT,

Conference Corresponding Secretary.

NORTH INDIANA CONFERENCE.

THE hearty interest taken by the Auxiliaries of our Conference makes the duties of the Corresponding Secretary a pleasurable task in presenting the Annual Report.

Each year since the organization of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in our Conference there has been an advance over the preceding year.

Notwithstanding the general financial depression in the first half of the year, and the falling off of contributions in the general work, we are most happy to be able to report that we have not failed to sustain our record, for this has been the very *best* in the history of our Society.

While we are not satisfied with what has been done, yet the constant growth shows a healthy condition, and promises larger results for the future.

Our statistical report shows an increase in Auxiliaries, an increase in membership, and an increase in contributions. A number of our Auxiliaries are on the "Roll of Honor."

"Hitherto the Lord hath led us;" with devout thanksgiving we ascribe unto him all praise.

The last unorganized district in our Conference was organized last May, and is planning to hold a district meeting in the near future. The other five have held successful and profitable meetings, three of which the Corresponding Secretary attended.

The Annual Meeting was held in Wabash in May, was largely attended, and was full of interest.

The Annual Address was given by the General Treasurer, Mrs. D. L. Williams. It was full of information, and aroused an interest which I trust will result in greatly increased contributions. At the close of the address pledges were secured of \$125 for the Emergency Fund.

The special work for the year was the support of Miss Flora Mitchel, Thayer Home.

We have had beneficiaries in Bennett, Dulce, Harwood, Haven, Jesse Lee, New Jersey, Oriental, and Ritter Homes. The needy in our immediate vicinity have been looked after by our local committees.

Our Supplies Secretary reports that our Conference has been mindful of the needs of our ministers on the frontier and our Industrial Homes. With these boxes and barrels have gone the prayers, that those to whom they minister comfort, may also receive heaven's choicest blessing.

Through the energetic efforts of our Mite-box Secretary, quite an amount has been received in this quiet way.

The Thank-offering and Day of Humiliation and Prayer were observed, many of the Auxiliaries holding very successful public meetings.

Our Anniversary service at the session of the Annual Conference was largely attended. An inspiring address was delivered by Rev. C. E. Bacon, D. D., which was rich in thought, presenting the work of our Society to a delighted audience, and we believe aroused increasing enthusiasm in the work of our Society.

The cordial support of our loyal pastors is most highly appreciated, and their Conference report of our Society assures hearty co-operation. The growing interest throughout our Conference gives promise of increasing contributions. The outlook is encouraging.

MRS. L. H. BUNYAN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTH NEBRASKA CONFERENCE.

It is with gratitude to God that we present our report for the past year. While we have not accomplished all that we hoped, yet we are moving steadily onward in this great work. There have been organized during the year three Auxiliaries and one Mission Band, while one Auxiliary that had lain dormant for two years has sprung to life with a membership of twenty-eight.

Our Annual Meeting was held in Stanton, July 14th and 15th. The reports of our Treasurer and Supply Secretary were very encouraging. Thanking God for the past year, we expect to trust and work for greater things the coming year.

MRS. WILLIAM ESPLIN,
Conference Corresponding Secretary.

NORTH OHIO CONFERENCE.

OUR Conference Society began the year with a little anxiety. Financial pressure was severe upon all our territory. The able Secretary, Mrs. N. S. Albright, who had given many years of service to the work, we lost by removal. But notwithstanding these hindrances, the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the North Ohio Conference still lives. More than that, it has made marked advance.

The Annual Meeting was held in Mansfield last November, at which our Treasurer, Mrs. D. L. Williams, made an inspiring address, which, doubtless, gave an impetus to the work of the year.

Several new Auxiliaries have been formed, and some have taken on new life. A hearty response has been made to the call for the Emergency Fund. Generous contributions have gone out to our Supply Department; some of them coming from Churches where there is no Home Missionary organization.

Some of our Auxiliaries enjoyed the privilege of making a birthday gift to our Home Missions; but in this line we grieve that we are not able to report better work. We charge ourselves for the next year with increasing, as largely as possible, the subscriptions to both our papers, and enlisting the children and young people more generally in our work.

At our Anniversary meeting at the session of our Annual Conference, Dr. Lewis, of Cleveland, and Miss McMoyl, of the Deaconess Home, spoke for us. It was a helpful hour.

During the year ending with the Conference, we made an advance in cash and supplies, over the preceding year, of more than twenty-five per cent. For this, for the faithfulness of the old Auxiliaries, and for the enthusiasm of the new, we bring glad thanksgiving.

We are not unmindful of the fact that we still have untilled land, but "the dew of promise already cheers the soil."

We have caught the message, "Be strong, and of a good courage," and trusting in the wisdom of our great Director, we hope to push our work with increasing energy.

MRS. A. D. KNAPP,
Corresponding Secretary.

NORTHWEST IOWA CONFERENCE.

As a whole, the work has not declined. The fall District Conventions were omitted, because of the general financial depression and Presidential campaign.

Our Conference took part in the interesting Convention of the State Association, held at Marion, Iowa, at which Dr. Ames did such grand service for the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

The only organizing done has been three Bands by district officers.

Reports of interesting Thank-offering and Day of Humiliation and Prayer services, with large collections, came from more Auxiliaries than have ever before observed these days.

Renewed interest has been aroused in the Home Missionary Reading Course. About one hundred report taking these readings.

The twenty-five cents asked from each Auxiliary toward Leaflet Fund has been responded to by Auxiliaries in amount reported, \$2.86.

One hundred and twenty-three dollars and twenty-four cents has been reported given to the Emergency Fund.

The other special work has been for salary of Miss Ida Gibson, missionary to Italians in New Orleans, the Des Moines Deaconess Home, Mothers' Jewels Home, beneficiaries in Stickney, Jesse Lee, Chinese Girls, and Peck Homes, and a student in Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school; the latter through contributions from Epworth Leagues.

Many Auxiliaries are receiving funds through sale of the Aunt Jemima Baking Powder, making this a systematized item of their work.

Systematic beneficence is receiving much attention. Mite-box membership and work is made a specialty.

Our women have continued their loyal helpfulness. This year they expressed their appreciation by tender, loving words, accompanied by a \$25 purse as a Christmas present to their Conference Corresponding Secretary.

Bishop Walden greatly cheered our hearts by his edifying, encouraging words concerning our work, and Godspeed to the workers, at our Conference Anniversary.

As we labor on, we grow more and more in love with Christ, and thankful for this privilege of service, which strengthens spiritually, inasmuch as it is given for his sake and in his name.

MRS. J. P. NEGUS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTHWEST KANSAS CONFERENCE.

ALTHOUGH the hard times are still upon us, yet we are not discouraged; but are doing what we can to keep up the interest of our Society in the Northwest Kansas Conference. We have not accomplished what we hoped during the year, yet we have not fallen behind any, but rather increased some in membership. Our Annual Meeting, held at Beloit in connection with our Conference Anniversary meeting, was well attended, and every one present expressed a desire for more zeal and work during the coming year. At our Conference Anniversary, Mrs. James Dale, Supply Secretary, presented the work to a large audience, and won the hearts of all our people with her kindly words of sympathy and love. We are looking forward to a better year, and hope to have a better report.

MRS. W. M. NASH, *Conference Corresponding Secretary.*

OHIO CONFERENCE.

THE Ohio Conference began the year with new officers, who undertook the work with considerable enthusiasm. Our first efforts were towards new organizations, and to strengthen those already in our hands.

The Corresponding Secretary was entirely new in the work, but found the clerical duties child's play, compared with the appalling fact that it was her duty to help organize and hold public meetings, and speak if necessary.

Nevertheless, while there has been a loss of seventy-one in membership, and four of the weakest Auxiliaries have felt unable to continue, our Conference shows a gain over the preceding year of money raised, and in the value of supplies. The Emergency Fund has been generously responded to.

We have two unique organizations. The members of King Avenue Sabbath-school, at Columbus, O., for two years have supported a boy, Frank Davis, at our Mothers' Jewels Home.

At Chillicothe, O., there is a society of young boys, called the Missionary Chips, and for several years they have been supporting Joseph Tarr Green at the Mothers' Jewels Home. They call him our "Tarr" baby, for it was some time before they learned his full name.

Correspondence is carried on by these boys, and is a source of inspiration to all.

We are very proud of Miss Abby Putnam, the daughter of our former Conference Secretary of Supplies, who has been accepted as a missionary, and who goes to her work at Bennett Home, Clarkson, Miss., the 1st of November. Last June she finished a six years' course at our State University, and we feel she is unusually well qualified in every way for her duties.

Our Conference meeting was held in September, and we feel quite strong in our new officers, Mrs. D. S. Kellicott, of Columbus, as President, and Mrs. J. W. Bashford, of Delaware, as Vice-President.

We have entered upon this year's work with renewed zeal and strength, and hope to gain much for the Woman's Home Missionary Society during the year.

MRS. F. A. SELLS,

Conference Corresponding Secretary.

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

THE Oklahoma Conference collection was \$52; dues of Conference Auxiliaries, \$33; subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions*, 45. Our Conference Treasurer sent the General Treasurer \$85.

MRS. J. A. FERGUSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

OREGON CONFERENCE.

THIS has been a trying year for the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Oregon Conference. But we are not discouraged. Serious illness and even death has come to the homes of the general officers, which has greatly crippled our work; but there has never been a time when the future of our work was so promising. During the year we have not added a long list of new members, nor raised a large sum of money, but the few faithful women have done the little things that have dissemi-

nated missionary intelligence and strengthened our borders. Three new Auxiliaries have been organized, and several dead ones revived. Four districts have been organized and well officered. Thanks be unto God, which giveth us the victory.

S. H. SPANGLER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE.

AFTER returning from the Annual Meeting of our Conference in 1896, we came to our homes, resolved to do better work for the Master the coming year than ever. The year has passed into eternity, and on October 12, 1897, we met at Siloam Methodist Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, bringing our sheaves with us, laying them at the Master's feet.

We were represented by our delegates at the National Convention, held at Springfield, Ill., who returned bringing glowing accounts of the meeting. At this Convention several pledges were made for the work, which we have been enabled to meet. We think our Conference Society has done nobly for the special fund for debt. Our Deaconess Home, located at 611 Vine Street, is every year exerting an influence for good. The family, consisting of six deaconesses and two probationers, are presided over by our faithful Superintendent, Mrs. E. Turney. When we realize that within the year 11,105 visits have been made, including visits to jails and hospitals, conducting Industrial Schools, and the distribution of 8,442 papers, tracts, Bibles, and Testaments, our hearts swell with gratitude that we have the deaconess in our midst. The lunch-room in connection with the Deaconess Home, on whose efficiency we felicitate ourselves, is a pronounced success. During the year 24,570 lunches have been served each working-day, between the hours of twelve o'clock and two, for young women who are employed in stores and factories in the neighborhood. The door of the Immigrant Home has been open to shelter those coming from foreign lands who were friendless. One hundred and eight persons have been accommodated, 71 women and 37 children: 1,418 meals have been served; 80 steamers have been met by our deaconesses. The adjoining property to the Deaconess Home, which is ours, the gift of Colonel Bennett, is soon to be fitted up for home missionary work.

Our meeting held during the Week of Prayer was profitable and inspiring. We felt that the Master was with us. Our Conference Anniversary was held at Bethlehem, the seat of Conference. Reports of our work were read, and the principal addresses were made by Mrs. Mary Fisk Park and Mrs. E. Turney. We have adopted the plan of holding an all-day meeting each quarter, devoting part of the time to a prayer and Conference meeting. They are exceedingly interesting. During the summer our work was presented at three camp-meetings. Our Conference was represented at the Deaconess Convention held at Ocean Grove.

Our reports have been sent quarterly to the National Corresponding Secretary. We have also held a district meeting on each district, under the superintendency of the District Secretaries. Our Young Peoples' Societies are increasing, both in numbers and interest, under the guidance of our Superintendent. "It is the unexpected that happens." We are compelled to lose the active co-operation of several of our most efficient workers. We hope, in the future, soon to welcome them back. This year we expect to assume new responsibilities. This brief and imperfect outlining of the work of the year in the Philadelphia Conference fills our hearts with gratitude to God for his continued blessing upon our labors, and inspires us to redoubled efforts to enter every open door, and carry

forward to greater results the mission that his providence has laid upon us.

The report of our Treasurer shows that the receipts of the year were \$5,943.53, which, with the balance in hand at the beginning of the year, gave \$6,199.89. The report of the Superintendent of Supplies shows that most excellent work has been done.

MRS. M. B. STEVENS, *Conference Secretary.*

PITTSBURG CONFERENCE.

THE growth of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Pittsburg Conference since its organization, thirteen years ago, has been steady, though not phenomenally rapid. The year just closed has been in almost every respect the best in its history. During the year there has been paid, in addition to membership dues, contributions to special causes, deaconess support, Coke, work, etc., five hundred dollars to the Emergency Fund of the General Society, and nine hundred dollars on the property occupied as a Deaconess Home. In the Coke work we have employed two women for the summer, who go from house to house holding Mothers' Meetings, Children's Band Meetings, and Catechism Classes, as well as Industrial Schools, and are producing wonderful results and marked improvements among the families of the miners. The Society's latest work is known as "Traveler's Aid," the placing of a deaconess at Union Station to meet, advise, and protect friendless women and girls coming to our city, who in their ignorance might become an easy prey to the designing and wicked.

Very large quantities of supplies have been sent to the families of needy ministers on the frontiers, both South and West. Altogether, notwithstanding the general depression in financial matters and the consequent falling off of receipts in all lines of benevolences, our Society has more than held her own.

M. J. SCHOYER,

Conference Corresponding Secretary.

PUGET SOUND CONFERENCE.

IN many ways this has been the best year in Home Missionary work in Puget Sound Conference. Our Auxiliaries, though less in number than they were last year, are more active and more fully established in the work. This has been a year of many and hard struggles, but through the wise and able management of our President, Mrs. E. C. Sulliger, much heroic work has been done.

We have pledged the support of one beneficiary in Stickney Home, and ten dollars for the Jesse Lee Home in Unalaska. The Home Mission paper has quite a large circulation in our Conference.

We are not at all discouraged in the work, but mean to press on, "For the love of Christ, and in His Name."

VINA IRENE CLARK, *Corresponding Secretary.*

ROCK RIVER CONFERENCE.

WE gather up the fragments of our past year's history with renewed courage for the future.

1. There are signs that our work is strengthening its hold on the community; tokens in the secular world as well as the religious. Both

prophets and people begin to see, with a nearer and clearer vision, the peril of the hour, and the promise of our purpose.

2. Our district and camp meetings have been held with stimulating results, and inspiring addresses from our own women.

3. The presence and address of Mrs. Fisk, our National President, at our Conference Anniversary, met the response of a crowded house and an appreciative audience.

4. An increasing interest is apparent in the thank-offering service.

5. A few new Auxiliaries have been formed, and others encouraged and revived.

6. Our own special work, than which "no more needy missionary field in the world" exists, demands a large share of our attention; but by no means limits our benefactions. The far West, Alaska, and the South have a hold upon the hearts of the people. Atlanta always receives the support of one or more beneficiaries. Little Rock is endeared by sacred memories. The appeal for the Emergency Fund also met with a ready response from many.

E. E. MARCY,

Corresponding Secretary.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

THE long-extended financial depression has more seriously affected the salaries of ministers upon poorer charges this year than any of the recent preceding years. Our Society has therefore listened to more touching appeals from within our own Conference than ever before, and never have pastors seemed more grateful for the aid furnished, whether in money or supplies. About thirty-five ministers out of one hundred and forty in the Conference have been recipients from our "Frontier" fund.

We have not only in this work performed a noble act of love to needy ministers and their families, but we have laid the foundation in many rural charges for the Woman's Home Missionary Society, which shall be perpetuated as long as the world needs the gospel. Some charges in this Conference have become self-supporting after five years of assistance, and are already paying back far more than they have received, while there are other appointments of only ten (10) years' growth that have paid this year in one collection for the Woman's Home Missionary Society more than the total of all their receipts in their struggling period.

Our Society is truly preparing the way for mighty missionary movements in the future, not only in America, but throughout the world.

California lies next door to Asia and Japan, and will become a mighty factor in reaching their vast populations.

There are towns in Southern California of five thousand population that had no place on the map fifteen (15) years ago. While Los Angeles City has increased from ten thousand in 1880, to one hundred and four thousand in 1897. It is therefore impossible to realize the vast work our Society is accomplishing in helping struggling Societies into existence where a rich and vast empire will hold sway in another quarter of a century.

The Deaconess Home, which was opened just before our last Annual Meeting, has proved the most popular department of our Conference work. Auxiliaries, Queen Esther Circles, and Juvenile Bands have vied with each other in furnishing the rooms, and in supplying the daily needs of the devoted band of workers who live there. God bless our deaconesses! Their coming has brought blessing, peace, and happiness to all with whom they come in contact. The financial statement of the Treasurer of the Deaconess Local Board has been assuring. We have never been

obliged to call upon the public for money to carry on this work. The half dues of members in the city where the Home is located have proved sufficient to supply all the demands of the Home, together with a few private donations and the allowances furnished by the Churches employing deaconesses. Surely our faith has been honored in the grand success of the deaconess movement.

We have now five deaconesses employed; four in Los Angeles, and one in San Diego. Seven young women have entered the Training-school at San Francisco this year from the Southern California Conference. Five have secured scholarships from donors in San Francisco.

The Chinese work has been prosperous. We have employed two workers in Los Angeles, and two in San Diego, who have faithfully toiled among the large Chinese populations in those cities.

Mrs. T. F. Davis, who is our most efficient missionary because of her ability to speak and teach in the Cantonese dialect, resumes her work in Los Angeles, and will extend it to the utmost limit of funds appropriated, employing both American and Chinese helpers.

The districts are all organized and well officered.

District meetings have been held at Santa Barbara, Riverside, Whittier, San Diego, Pomona, and Los Angeles.

The Annual Meeting convened July 19th at Long Beach. Public meetings were held in connection with camp-meetings at Long Beach, Hueneme, and Arroyo Grande.

The Conference Anniversary occupied Wednesday evening, September 29th. The speakers were Miss Winifred Spaulding, Superintendent of Deaconess Home, and Dr. Beard, Dean of the Training-school in San Francisco. The Conference Corresponding Secretary was present at all these meetings save one.

While thousands of our people have been migrating to the Klondike gold-fields of Alaska, and the eyes of the world have been centering there, our Society long ago discovered more precious treasures in the souls of her native tribes, and this year one of our elect ladies, as usual, sends the support for one girl in the Mission at Unalaska.

The Mite-box Secretary has sent out 142 mite-barrels, and has ordered a thousand boxes made for use the coming year.

The outlook is bright for the most successful year in our history in Southern California.

It gives me pleasure to make honorable mention of the ministers of the Southern California Conference, who have so nobly sustained the cause of our Society, giving us a "Conference Sunday," and opening their pulpits to our speakers.

MRS. E. W. CASWELL,

Corresponding Secretary.

ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE.

OUR report for the Woman's Home Missionary Society for the St. Louis Conference is not what we would like it to be, on account of lack of money and various other reasons. And yet we do not think that it has been a "lost year," or void of good in the great cause. Perhaps our most liberal offerings have been in the line of "helping our own," and although not much organized effort has been made, busy hands and faithful hearts all over our Conference territory have carried material aid and abundant gifts to very many homes. At our next Annual Conference, if nothing prevents, we expect to elect new officers, and infuse new inspiration; in short, take a new start.

For the work,

ALLIE TOLAND CRISS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

SOUTH KANSAS CONFERENCE.

THE Woman's Home Missionary Society of the South Kansas Conference is not growing rapidly. It seems that the last few years have been unfavorable for much aggressive Christian work; an indifference seems to pervade our people in many places, and an unwillingness to take up any extra work. It seems almost impossible to get our districts organized, so that we can hold District Conventions. And so far we have been holding our Annual Meeting in connection, or rather during the time of our Conference in March, and we realize the difficulty of working it up at that time as it should be.

Our Anniversary last March at Pittsburg was one of the best we have ever had. Mrs. Dale, of Cincinnati, was with us, and every one seemed to be interested in every word she said. Mrs. Bishop McCabe was also present, and gave words of encouragement. Our old Auxiliaries are all at work, and many places have sent supplies to frontier preachers where there is no Society, and some of our Epworth Leagues are doing that kind of work.

May the Lord greatly bless the Woman's Home Missionary Society in its Christlike work, is the prayer of the South Kansas Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society; and a few of us at least join hands and hearts in this work.

MRS. OLIVE H. RHOADES, *Secretary*.

SOUTHWEST KANSAS CONFERENCE.

THE Annual Meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of this Conference was held June 31, 1897. A larger number of delegates were present than at any previous meeting. We had a very interesting and profitable session; to God be all the glory for the success that has crowned our efforts! The year has been mostly devoted to seed-sowing, and the results have not yet been all garnered.

We believe the seed has fallen into good ground, and will bring forth an abundant harvest of good workers for the Master's vineyard.

The Society has grown in favor with both preachers and people, and the outlook is more encouraging than at any time in the past. We doubled the number of Auxiliaries during the year, though a few have accomplished but little. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge," is as true to-day as when spoken by Hosea centuries ago. We have tried to supply this lack by a liberal distribution of Home Missionary literature. We have sent out one hundred thousand pages during the year.

Our Conference Society has pledged to raise \$200, for the salary of a teacher at Bennett Home, at Clarkson, Miss., and some besides to push the work in our own Conference. There have been several five dollars sent for the Emergency Fund, and several more will be sent during the year.

Our watchword for the new year is, "One new member and subscriber for every old one." We are hoping and praying that each member will keep this and the noon prayer in mind every day.

MRS. W. J. MARTINDALE, *Corresponding Secretary*.

TROY CONFERENCE.

THE work in Troy Conference has made some advancement the past year. Our district officers are loyal workers, ever ready to "lend a hand" to carry the work forward to greater success. The district meetings have

been well attended, except one when the rain fell in torrents all day; yet a few faithful women braved the storm, and the meeting was not a complete failure. Mrs. Woodruff was with us at two meetings, greatly to the delight of every one present.: She allowed us to ply her with questions, and much valuable information was gained. The Plattsburg District has new and efficient officers, and a meeting is to be held next month, the first in three or four years.

Our missionaries, Misses Mary and Marguritte Tripp, and Miss E. A. Philo, and Miss Ganiere, a deaconess from the Washington Training-school, made our Round Lake Anniversary unusually interesting. Miss Ganiere spent two months in deaconess work for the Fifth Avenue Church, Troy, N. Y., doing very satisfactory work. Quite a large number have contributed to the Emergency Fund. The appeal from our General Treasurer has awakened greater interest in the General Fund, and shown us the importance of making greater effort to raise funds for the support of our missionaries.

The supply department has been well cared for under the able management of our Conference Secretary of Supplies, Mrs. A. D. Lyon, of Troy, N. Y. Many pulpit suits and infants' wardrobes have been sent to needy families in the West, and among the things sent to our missionaries was a new sewing-machine from the Rensselaer Auxiliary; also valuable bedding and clothing to Dulce, N. M., at the time of their greatest need.

Several new Auxiliaries have been organized; one Mission Band presided over by a "shut-in." All the meetings are held in her room.

UPPER IOWA CONFERENCE.

THROUGH the faithful efforts of the Auxiliaries, the pledges to Bennett Industrial Home, the National Training-school, the Bidwell Deaconess Home, Alaska, Utah, and Oriental Work, aggregating \$1,010, were largely met; besides added to this the dues and supplies make the best year financially in the history of the Society.

Mrs. Gould, the Conference President, gave forty-five days of faithful work during the year attending Conventions and visiting Auxiliaries. As Conference manager for the training-school, she secured three young ladies as students, Miss Rosina West, Miss Rose Cloud, and Miss Sarah Wetherbee, each of whom made a fine record in her work. They were supported by the Conference.

The joint meeting of the four Conferences in the State was held in our Conference in May. At this meeting plans were laid for the support of the Bidwell Deaconess Home at Des Moines, each Conference assuming a stated amount. Upper Iowa pledged \$200. Dr. Ames was present, and added much to the interest of the meeting.

Five of the six districts held Annual Meetings. They are officered by efficient women, who have the interest of the Society at heart.

Thirteen Auxiliaries raised twenty-five cents or more for every member of their respective Churches for the Society during the year. This amount is the ideal apportionment for the coming year. We hope to realize it.

As Christians, we are laboring to bring the whole wide world to Jesus. As members of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, we are working to shed the light of the gospel into every dark corner of our own land. As members of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Upper Iowa Conference, our sympathies go out to the stranger within our gates.

The following statistics show the need of local work in our Conference:

STATISTICS OF BOHEMIANS IN CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.

	East.	West.	Total.
Number of Bohemians in Cedar Rapids.....	4,000	3,000	7,000
Protestants	250	150	400
Churches	2	....	2
Catholic members.....	....	....	500
Presbyterian .....	....	....	200
Those who do not attend any Church.....	....	....	6,300
Full and probation members of Bohemian Methodist Episcopal Church.....	....	....	35
Number of Sunday-school children.....	....	90	....
Number of Junior Epworth Leagues.....	....	50	....

Rev. R. M. De Castello and his faithful wife are laboring among these people, the only Bohemian Methodist Episcopal Church in Iowa. Mrs. De Castello ought to be relieved from domestic work, in order to give her whole time to missionary work.

We are planning to provide means for her to hire help in the kitchen. She is a woman of culture and refinement, and her influence among her own people is greater than could be that of one unacquainted with their language.

MARGARET ALSAUGH,
Conference Corresponding Secretary.

UTAH MISSION.

VERY hopefully we began the work of the year, but have made no advancement in number of Auxiliaries; but there has been quite an increase in number of members. Considerable has been done in the way of local work, and we believe the Auxiliaries have in many ways accomplished more than they did last year. Lack of funds for travel greatly hinders our work, for we find it necessary to visit the different charges and talk of our work, as only a few seem to know anything of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and what it is doing for Utah.

When we can have the hearty co-operation of every pastor, we hope to become thoroughly organized.

We observed our Anniversary at the Annual Meeting of the Mission, and our program was both interesting and instructive. One of our great needs is more women who are thoroughly acquainted and interested in this work, to help others in becoming more familiar with it. Not all we desired has been accomplished, but we are grateful for a small measure of success; and while we may have lost opportunities, we can only leave the results in God's hands.

MRS. ADDA M. SNOW,
Corresponding Secretary.

VERMONT CONFERENCE.

THE Annual Meeting was held in Northfield, November 12th and 13th. Our President, Mrs. A. H. Webb, was re-elected. She has done excellent service in presenting our work in Randolph, White River Junction, Windsor, Bradford, and has organized Auxiliaries in Springfield and Hardwick.

Mrs. O. D. Clapp, St. Albans, District Secretary, organized at North Fairfax and Georgia. There has also been one Band organized this year. Our very efficient Corresponding Secretary, not feeling able to do the work, declined a re-election.

There was displayed at the Annual Meeting a table-cover of heavy, unbleached cotton, wrought in outline stitch by a half-breed Aleut Indian girl. She has been only seven years in the Jesse Lee Home in Alaska. Her name is Pelageia Tutikoff. Our Society named her Eva Fuller, in memory of a deceased daughter of our aged Mite-box Secretary, who died early in this year. We received a letter from Eva in July. In points of subject-matter, rhetoric, penmanship, and spelling, it would compare favorably with those of many of our own girls of her age. She wrote that she expected to go with two other girls from that Home to the Government Indian School at Carlisle, Pa. It is hoped that she will return to teach her own people. We also provided for a girl named Hannah Thomas in Stickney Home.

Mrs. E. F. George, of Tivoli, N. Y., spoke at our Annual Meeting, and at Montpelier greatly interesting the people in her work, and some supplies have been sent to that Home.

Mrs. B. S. Potter gave a very satisfactory address at our Conference Anniversary at Barre in April.

Mrs. Webb presented our work at the Woman's Christian Temperance Union Camp-meeting at Lyndonville in August.

Mrs. Ida H. Read spoke in our behalf at Morrisville Camp-meeting, and Rev. L. P. Tucker at the Sheldon meeting, and Miss Emerson, of Boylan Home, spoke at Claremont Junction. Two young ladies have gone from our State to the Independent Deaconess Home, Boston.

District meetings have been held at Bellows Falls and Hardwick. A legacy of five hundred dollars was received for the General Treasury from the estate of Mr. Frederick Ely, of Brownsville, and one of fifty dollars from Mrs. Susan Spencer, of St. Johnsbury. A few Auxiliaries are reported inactive. We hope some of them may be revived during the coming year. With coming prosperity, we hope our work will be much advanced during the next year. We are trusting in God, and expect his blessing.

MRS. C. S. RICHMOND,

Conference Corresponding Secretary.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

THE Virginia Conference sends greetings. We have but little to report, as we are so young in the work. Our Conference Society was organized the 1st of last July, and thus far we have but three Auxiliaries in our bounds. Our membership is quite small, but we hope and are anxious to do good work for the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Some of our preachers know but little about the work, and hence are not much help to us. Others *do* know of the Society, and do all in their power to help in the organization of new Societies.

We pray that this new year may be a better one for us. "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord."

IDA N. BALL, *Conference Corresponding Secretary.*

WEST NEBRASKA CONFERENCE.

THE success of our work during the year is to be judged, not so much by the number of new Auxiliaries organized, as in the faithful work done by those already at work.

Our Annual Meeting was held September 23d at Lexington, in the beautiful new church just completed. We were highly favored in being able to secure Bishop Ninde for an address. His kind words of interest in regard to our Jewels Home, and also of the work at large, will long be cherished by those present. Sister Spurlock was with us, and spoke in the interests of the Home, of the training received by the children, and made quite an impression when she said "that they *prepared* children for homes, while other organizations merely sought homes for the children."

Several Mite-box Societies were organized by Sister Collins. Where we can not organize Auxiliaries, we hope to do effective work through the mite-boxes.

Twenty subscriptions were taken for the *Woman's Home Missions*. Forty-six dollars was secured to furnish beds in the West Nebraska Conference dormitory at the Mothers' Jewels Home. We hope to do something during the year for the Emergency Fund.

We are under obligations to Mrs. Dale and others for supplies sent to our preachers.

There is a noticeable gain in interest for our work in this Conference. As a result, we hope to report larger results another year through the help of the One whom we serve, and whose we are.

MRS. E. SMITH, *Conference Corresponding Secretary*.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

WE regret to say, during the past year the work has not been what we hoped at the beginning. Our eleventh Anniversary was celebrated December 5th, at Cuero, Texas. Over forty delegates were present.

The five districts are well organized, and each held a well-attended meeting during the summer months.

Five Auxiliaries and four "Mothers' Jewels" have been organized, and the older ones strengthened.

We have endeavored to secure a wider circulation for our *Woman's Home Missions* and the children's paper, which is the delight of the whole Conference. My Conference has suffered much this year from the cry of hard times, also sickness. Just now we are perplexed over our school. So many of our bright girls are lost to us, and attend other schools. These schools hold out such great inducements, and are being built right within our reach, while we have nothing to offer. Thus we are asked each passing day, "What are we to do?"

My people need more knowledge of the work; they have done exceedingly well, and are willing to do more.

This year's work is more thorough than ever before. The light is being gradually turned on, and more Christian women's hearts are being inspired from the rays that it sends forth.

E. S. SPRIGGS, *Conference Corresponding Secretary*.

WEST WISCONSIN CONFERENCE.

ANOTHER year is just passing out, freighted with results not quite equal to our hopes; but when we consider the stringency of the times, we ought not to feel discouraged, because figures alone do not show the whole progress of a good cause. We are doing our work quietly and steadily for God and humanity, hoping to reach results in the near future.

It is hoped that all who listened to the eloquent and earnest words which fell from the lips of our beloved leader and President, Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, at our Annual Conference, will feel that there is a work for each and all to do in the home field. We hold our Conference Board meetings quarterly. We have held two district meetings, both interesting and profitable. Thank-offering services have been observed with most of the Auxiliaries. We have sent supplies out on the frontier valued at \$312, including three new fur overcoats. Several hundred dollars worth of local work has been done.

Goodly numbers of mite-boxes, children's penny boxes, and leaflets have been distributed.

We hope for better results during the coming year in all departments of work.

MRS. M. BENSON,
Conference Corresponding Secretary.

WILMINGTON CONFERENCE.

THE Woman's Home Missionary Society in the Wilmington Conference still continues its hold upon the hearts of the people.

The past year has been marked by increased interest in many ways, but notably by the increased attendance upon all meetings, whether of the Conference, District, or Auxiliary.

The Annual Meeting, held in Scott Church, was one of the best we have had. Miss Mathews was present, and gave an excellent address on her work among the immigrants.

Bishop Walden, Dr. Leonard, and Rev. Vaughan S. Collins gave able addresses at the Conference Anniversary.

Miss Corbin, of the Philadelphia Deaconess Home, delighted and interested the people at Brandywine Summit Camp-meeting, as she told of her work among the poor and distressed to be found in every large city.

As the years go by we become better acquainted with the work, and can more readily bring to pass desired results. We have now for each department a Conference Secretary, who looks carefully after the details of her special work.

The Supply Secretary has been untiring in her efforts to secure clothing for those in need. Into eight States and two Territories have been sent valuable boxes and barrels, as well as to our Immigrant Homes.

The Mite-box Secretary keeps her silent but effective reminders of the needs of others before the people, the result being increased receipts from this source.

Miss Grace Quigg has recently been placed in charge of the work among the young people, in place of Mrs. J. P. Doughten, whose resignation was accepted with many regrets. The most discouraging part of work among young people, is to find efficient persons willing to take charge of Bands and Circles. The children are eager and anxious to work, but must have supervision and instruction.

Our Conference President, Mrs. N. M. Browne, has organized Auxiliaries in important charges, and a Circle of young women in Grace Church recently formed bids fair to be a power for good in the community.

The departments of Home Missions, Reading Circles, Leaflets, and the Mothers' Jewels have been given careful attention by those who have these matters in charge.

The children's paper was received with marked favor, and we are trying to increase its circulation.

Our Society was well represented at the Convention at Ocean Grove by Mrs. Challenger, of New Castle.

Mrs. Washington Hastings represents the interests of the Training-school in Washington for the Conference.

Beneficiaries have been supported in the Jesse Lee Home, help given to the Chinese girls, the Mothers' Jewels Home, the Italian Work in New Orleans, beside contributions to the Emergency Fund and Rest Home, Ocean Grove.

A legacy of \$500, left to Asbury Auxiliary by Mr. John Wise, was paid into the treasury in July.

Deaconess work so auspiciously begun two years ago, and continued until last March, was brought to a close by the unexpected departure of our deaconess for other fields of labor. The time between the resignation and departure of the deaconess being so short, we scarce know what was best to do under the circumstances; finally, at a meeting of the Deaconess Board, it was decided to close the Home for the time being; not, however, with the idea of abandoning deaconess work in Wilmington.

EMMA L. WELDEN, *Conference Corresponding Secretary.*

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE.

I wish I could give you a full report of all that has been done in our Conference for Woman's Home Missions the past year. But I can not. We believe the interest has deepened, and we are in better working order, as we become more familiar with the details of the work. There are five districts in our Conference. Appleton District has but one Auxiliary. This is in the city of Appleton. It has forty members. This Society has paid this year \$40 for membership dues, \$10 towards the \$20,000 Fund, and raised \$100 for the benefit of the poor Churches on this district. Appleton also reports a Mission Band of thirty members.

Good reports have come from Fond du Lac District. Cotton Street Church Auxiliary and Epworth League, of Fond du Lac, have during the year raised \$5 toward the \$20,000 Fund, and send a barrel of supplies valued at \$50, besides membership dues. Oshkosh District has two Auxiliaries. Both of these are in the city of Oshkosh. Good reports come from each. They are doing local work, besides sending dues.

Milwaukee District has several Societies. The largest Auxiliary on this district is the one in Washington Avenue Church. It has twenty-six members. The Auxiliary of Trinity Church is also flourishing.

Janesville District reports no Auxiliaries, but some members who send their dues each year, and several Epworth Leagues who help us.

We were permitted to present our work at two camp-meetings during the year. At Doty Island camp Miss Minnie Perkins, of Fond du Lac, gave a very interesting account of her visit to Chinatown, San Francisco, Cal.

Conference Anniversary was well attended. Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk,

our beloved President, gave the address, which was full of Home Missionary intelligence.

We secure subscribers for *Woman's Home Missions* whenever possible, and believe as our people become informed they will become interested in our Woman's Home Missionary work.

R. W. BATES,
Conference Corresponding Secretary.

WYOMING CONFERENCE.

THE Annual Conference Meeting of our Society, held at First Church, Wilkesbarre, was a day not soon to be forgotten. The reports and addresses gave much inspiration to all.

At the Wyoming Conference session, held at Oneonta, stirring addresses were made.

A new Auxiliary has been organized in this district.

Mrs. Kent gave a delightful talk at a district meeting held in Binghamton. The membership of the Auxiliaries in Binghamton District has been largely increased.

Honesdale District is putting on new life

At a district meeting held in one of the small towns a few days ago, a traveling salesman (a stranger) at the close of the meeting put five dollars in the collection. Two new Auxiliaries have been organized in this district.

The district meetings throughout the Conference have been unusually interesting, and well attended.

Although the year has been marked by continued financial depression, Wyoming District has never manifested greater interest in Home Missionary work. Two new Auxiliaries have been formed.

Many barrels and boxes of excellent clothing have been sent, in answer to appeals, and as many families made comfortable for the coming winter.

Mrs. P. L. Bennett, whose heart is ever touched, and whose hand is always open to relieve the needs of the poor and distressed, sent a box valued at \$50, to Clarkson; \$200 to Mrs. Richards, of Woodlawn Seminary; and \$125 to the "Boys' Dormitory."

A few of the Auxiliaries have increased their subscriptions to *Home Missions*.

Wyoming Conference, a part of which lies in the beautiful, historic valley whose name it bears, has suffered much from the stringency of the times; and it has meant work for all to keep things moving. But it is recuperating rapidly, and we hope, before many months, to be able to report wonderful work accomplished through her for Home Missions.

May the new year, upon which we now enter, be fraught with even richer fruitage and blessing than ever before!

MRS. GEORGE B. KULP, *Conference Corresponding Secretary.*

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

OF THE EDITOR OF "WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONS."

"KNOWLEDGE is power," but one who is eminent records that "Ignorance also is power," since it so often negatives what knowledge might do.

Our missionary literature is our source of power. To suppress, neglect, or ignore its periodicals, leaflets, reports, books, is to prove that ignorance is power.

The success of the Society may be measured by the success of its literature. Universally read, organizations and active work would be correspondingly universal. Hearts would be stirred, wills moved, intelligence and sympathies broadened. All this is said preparatory to expressing just what we would like the *Woman's Home Missions* to do for the knowledge, which will give power to this Society, and destroy the ignorance which, like an incubus on the people, prevents its success.

Woman's Home Missions is the organ of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. It is designed to be a medium of communication between all workers in the Society. If some one has something to say for the Society's interest, if there is some new thing to tell to give impulse and inspiration, if a Conference Secretary has discovered a successful method, all should know what it is, and how it works. We wish we might each month have a Conference Secretaries' page, bristling with brief items of news, and good, strong, earnest suggestions. Is there not too great ignorance of each other's management?

If the plans and management were circulated, would there not be more plans and management to circulate?

Would not a Conference Secretary's page send a steady life-current through the great sisterhood of Conference Secretaries, and give power to the *esprit de corps* of that sisterhood. From the editor's watch-tower it seems that such a page would be more successful in promoting information than the now somewhat stereotyped reports of Conference meetings.

Then the Auxiliaries need at least a page as a platform on which to speak to each other. How useful Presidents of Auxiliaries might be, could they speak directly to each other! For instance, a discouraged President writes to the Auxiliary page, inquiring how she can increase her membership. The next paper gives an answer full of warmth and sympathy from a President who knows all about it; and can do it, has done it. Another writes, "How can I utilize the Concert Lesson?" The answer comes, "You can fill up your ranks by the use you make of the Concert Lesson. Set every woman to work on it. I ask women to write those essays who have never done such things before. They are delighted, and are ever after faithful members."

Our young people, whom the interests of the Society demand should be cherished, and for whom we should especially discriminate, need at least one page, better two, for they need attractive and pointed stories and much suggestion.

The editor personally feels the lack of information from our missions. How serious, then, must be the loss to our Society! Every

number of the paper should be so managed that a stranger could get some correct idea of our fields of work.

Are four pages too much for all fields? How thoroughly now the Society is informed regarding our Deaconess Department, which has been so fully and delightfully reported the last year, even though the editor, in the interests of the whole Society, has been so often obliged to use a part of the space assigned to this department!

But as the deaconess work is an integral part of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, bone of its bone and flesh of its flesh, it has gracefully yielded to the general good, and it has prospered.

Space ought to be given for miscellaneous matter, vital to the interests of the Society in its methods of work, such as the Reading Circle, the Tithing System, the Mite-box, Thank-offering, Day of Prayer; to all of which now space is seldom given.

No doubt there will be an honest difference of opinion. The paper is not mine; it is yours. But it seems to your editor that it should be managed, even though small, to represent all the interests and all the fields of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The editor hears many voices, saying, "Let the paper be of the Society, for the Society, and certainly by the Society."

MRS. H. C. McCABE, *Editor*.

OF THE EDITOR OF "CHILDREN'S HOME MISSIONS."

THE Society which does not take a long look ahead in planning its work, makes a serious mistake. That we have begun none too soon to train our successors must be apparent to all. It is equally apparent that in these days any new enterprise must, if successful, have strong and willing hands and hearts behind it. In these early days of the little paper many interested promoters are needed, and we appeal not only to Conference and District Secretaries, but to all lovers of our cause, to help establish *Children's Home Missions* on a firm foundation, and that without delay, for these and other reasons:

1. *Children's Home Missions* aims to interest, instruct, inspire, educate, and train for service all along our lines.

2. It is actually gathering the children, and teaching them to love God, and native land, and the poor, who "are always with us."

3. It is entering homes in which there is little or no missionary life and light, and through the children mothers are learning of our work.

The little paper may be made far more attractive and helpful than it now is. How? By the hearty, cordial co-operation of the workers in our Society. Let the editor urge you to acquaint yourself with it, to see what it is doing, what it might do, and why it is not doing all it might do. Then, if convinced that it is, or may be made a valuable Auxiliary to our cause, work for it!

MARTHA VAN MARTER, *Editor*.

OF THE PUBLISHER OF "WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONS."

THE following statements show the receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year, closing with the month of July, 1897:

RECEIPTS:

Balance from last year.....	\$282 17
From subscriptions.....	4,056 56
From advertisements.....	211 95
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EXPENDITURES:

To printing and preparing publication for mailing	\$3,010 92
To postage on papers.....	196 94
To Mrs. H. C. McCabe, salary.....	300 00
To Mrs. Ruth Worthington, salary.....	104 00
To Mary Belle Evans, salary.....	500 00
To sundries.....	85 36
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	\$4,197 20
Balance on hand.....	353 48
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	\$4,550 68

During the fiscal year we have published nine issues of sixteen pages, and three of twenty pages. The general opinion is that a twenty-page publication is needed to present our work properly, but the expenses of a publication that size can not be met with the subscription price at twenty-five cents.

Our receipts from subscriptions are \$8.34 less than for previous year; from advertisements an increase of \$25.71. For several years our subscription-list has remained about the same. This important enterprise should not be at a standstill, so long as there is need of additional workers for Home Missions. Our most helpful members read *Woman's Home Missions*. The number of subscribers in any Auxiliary is usually a test of the strength of that Auxiliary. To keep our interest up to the praying and paying point, we must *know* about the work, its progress and needs. A question, then, worthy our careful consideration is, "How can we add to our subscription-list the names of thousands of our members who do not now read our paper? If, in the coming year, not one name was added to our Society, but a more intelligent interest created within our present membership, our usefulness would be greatly increased.

Our cause is a mighty one. We dare not move slowly. We must take every part of this land for Christ.

MARY BELLE EVANS, *Publisher*.

OF THE PUBLISHER OF "CHILDREN'S HOME MISSIONS."

I SUBMIT to you the second annual report of *Children's Home Missions*:

RECEIPTS:

Balance from last year.....	\$237 60
From subscriptions.....	742 03
From guaranty fund.....	69 49
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	\$1,049 12

EXPENDITURES:

To printing.....	\$519 00
To postage.....	28 13
To Miss Van Marter, editor.....	100 00
To M. B. Evans, publisher.....	150 00
To electros.....	33 95
To sundries.....	24 52
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	\$855 60
Balance on hand.....	193 52
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	\$1,049 12

These statements show that the Woman's Home Missionary Society has placed in circulation during the fiscal year an illustrated publication well fitted to educate the youth of our Church for Home Mission work, at the cost of \$855.60, the circulation averaging over seven thousand per month. Who can measure the result?

They also tell us that the subscription-list must be increased. The receipts from subscriptions being \$113.57 less than the expenses. The balance from preceding year, together with amounts donated to guaranty fund, made it possible to meet all expenses, and have a balance to carry forward for next year.

The guaranty fund was started, you will remember, to inaugurate this new publication. We have not been asking for these donations this year. May I suggest that we urge each Auxiliary to give one dollar for ten copies of *Children's Home Missions*, to be distributed free each month in their respective Churches. This would be an expenditure sure to bring fruit to the Auxiliary in later years. With a multitude of publications on the market, we can not expect the circulation of this publication to increase, as it should, unless the Auxiliaries give it their hearty support. We see in youth the formative period of life. Here is a great power soon to lend its force for good, if properly directed. Is it not vitally important to influence it for missions?

If this simple plan to increase the circulation meets your approval, and later your support, the result must be pleasing to all.

MARY BELLE EVANS, *Publisher*.

OF "WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONS."

It is recommended:

1. To increase the attractiveness, durability, and financial value of the paper by the addition of a tinted cover, on condition that the extra expense be met by advertisements, to be solicited by members of the Society who live in large cities.

COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Gallagher, Chairman.

Boston.....	Mrs. Ainsworth.
Chicago.....	Mrs. Falley.
Cincinnati.....	Mrs. Carey and Thompson.
Detroit.....	Mrs. Robinson.
New York.....	Mrs. Park.
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Minneapolis.....	Mrs. Taylor.
Denver.....	Mrs. _____.
Indianapolis.....	Mrs. Adams.
Pittsburg.....	Miss Emma Fowler.
Allegheny.....	M. Johnson.

2. To use attractive head-lines, more condensation of matter, careful paragraphing, less fine type, and cuts illustrative of our work.

3. That the paper consist of twenty pages, besides cover.

4. To reserve four pages for the Deaconess Department, with modification of title.

5. To continue the allotment of suitable space in each number for appeals by the Treasurer.

6. To reserve one column in each number for the Secretary of the Bureau for Young People's Work.

7. To publish a serial article, setting forth in attractive form a history of the Society in all its departments, a short chapter to appear in each number, accompanied by illustrative cuts.

8. To increase the price of the paper to thirty-five cents, provided that all present subscriptions be continued at the old rate to the end of their respective years. (This advance of ten cents, should our subscription-list remain at seventeen thousand, will increase our income by \$1,700, and enable us to carry out the proposed improvements.)

9. That the subscriber be notified of the expiration of her subscription by a stamp in red ink, and notice to the paper agent of the Auxiliary, the subscription to be continued for a reasonable time after the date of its expiration.

10. That free copies of the *Woman's Home Missions* be sent to every Home and School under our care, and as an exchange to all our Church papers. Respectfully submitted.

MRS. CHARLES W. GALLAGHER, *Chairman.*

MRS. T. J. EVERETT, *Secretary.*

For the Committee.

OF LEAFLETS.

THE Leaflet Committee recommend:

1. That each Auxiliary throughout the Society contribute twenty-five cents annually to the Leaflet Fund, such contribution to be paid through the Auxiliary Treasurer to the general treasury of the Society.

2. That persons ordering leaflets, send postage for the same.

3. That all Conference, district, and local Societies appoint a Secretary of Literature, whose duty it shall be to secure a widespread distribution of our leaflets in their respective fields.

4. That Secretaries of Bureaus furnish matter for leaflets concerning their special work.

5. That no leaflet be published over the imprint of the Woman's Home Missionary Society which has not been received and accepted by the Leaflet Editor.

For the year ending July 15, 1897:

Leaflets	96,453
Pages	436,671
Pamphlets	780
Quadrennial Reports.....	202
Thank-offering services.....	20,000
Thank-offering envelopes.....	24,818
Programs for Day of Humiliation and Prayer.....	2,874
Map of Alaska.....	110
Parliamentary Practice.....	49
Growing in Grace cards.....	144
Mothers' Jewels cards.....	2,540
Jewel boxes.....	1,095

PUBLISHED:

Leaflets	151,000
Thank-offering	20,000
Mothers' Jewels cards.....	10,000
Received for postage and express.....	\$92 83
Balance from last year.....	3 39
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	\$96 22
(For transportation on leaflets.)	
Expended	100 84
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Deficit	\$4 62

MARTHA VAN MARTER, *Chairman*.

OF MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

NINE candidates have been passed upon by the Committee, and have been accepted by the Board. Five of these have received appointments, and two more are under consideration by Bureau Secretaries. The qualifications of these candidates have seemed to be of an unusually high order, and some of them are students from our Training-school at Washington. Others have received excellent training elsewhere—two in Folts Institute. The demands of the work require more and more that our missionaries be well trained, and it is hoped that very soon greater facilities may be furnished by an enlarged capacity of our National Training-school at Washington.

ANNA F. HERRON, *Chairman*.

OF TRANSPORTATION.

THE New England, Trunk Line, and Central Traffic Associations have granted reduction of fares on the Certificate plan.

The reduction is one fare and a third on Committee's Certificate, conditioned on there being an attendance at the Convention of not less than one hundred persons who hold proper certificates, obtained from ticket agents at starting point, showing payment of full first-class fare, of not less than seventy-five cents, through to place of meeting. The certificate must be deposited with the Railroad Secretary for the necessary indorsement and *visé* of the Special Agent.

"Saturday, October 23, 1897, has been set for the time for *all* certificates to be *viséd*. No certificate will be valid unless properly signed. Special Agent is paid \$11 for the one day, and if by failure to present certificates before his departure, no reduced rates can be obtained."

MRS. W. M. AMPT, *Railroad Secretary*.

OF RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, 1. That we acknowledge with gratitude and deep humility the care of our Heavenly Father, in sparing the lives and continuing the efficient labors of our greatly-beloved general officers, our missionaries, deaconesses, and workers.

Resolved, 2. That we pledge ourselves anew to their support, to the

enlarging of our borders, and to the securing of the interest of the women of Methodism in this work of God.

Resolved, 3. That we deprecate the increasing desecration of God's holy day, and as a body pledge ourselves to support the strictest Sunday-observance laws.

Resolved, 4. That our efforts tend toward increasing the interest of the women of our land in our official organs, the *Woman's Home Missions* in its new attire, the *Children's Home Missions*, our leaflets, and literature; that we increase the subscription list of our papers, distribute leaflets, and give more attention to the organization of Reading Circles.

Resolved, 5. That as God has revealed to us in his Holy Book the benefits he will bestow upon his people who bring their tithes into his storehouse, we earnestly urge our Auxiliaries, Circles, and Bands to adopt the tithing system of giving, believing that by so doing our Society can send out more missionaries to do the will of the Master, and its individual members receive richer blessings.

Resolved, 6. That we extend our sincere thanks to the trustees and members of the Fayette Street Methodist Episcopal Church for the use of their historic church; to the pastor for his unfailing courtesy; to the women of the Church, who have been untiring in their attention to our every want; to the young ladies, who have assisted so kindly; to the Decorating Committee, who so beautifully arranged the flags and plants; to the organist and singers; to Mrs. Woodruff, whose sweet songs have been an inspiration to the Convention; to the ladies of the several Churches, who so bountifully attended to our temporal wants; to the sexton, for his faithful service; to the friends who planned for our visit to the Woman's College; and to the citizens of Baltimore, who have so hospitably welcomed us to their homes.

Resolved, 7. That the visitors (the sisters who wear the purple) return sincere thanks for their entertainment to the Lunch Committee, who have been so abundant in their labors. May they reap here and hereafter!

Resolved, 8. That the members of our Auxiliaries more generally accept the offer of the Howell Manufacturing Company, of Cincinnati, thereby adding to their offerings an amount sufficient to enable our Society to enlarge its work.

Resolved, 9. That we acknowledge our thanks to the press of this city, and to their representatives, who have so correctly reported us to the public; also that these resolutions be given to the Baltimore papers for insertion.

MRS. J. W. CAMPBELL.
MISS MARY L. GILBERT.
MRS. J. A. LANTRY.

BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

MARIA STETSON ESTATE, Kingston, Mass.—This matter has been closed up. The Treasurer received the full amount of the bequest, \$725, last December.

AVELINE MATTISON ESTATE, Cazenovia, N. Y.—This estate is not yet settled. It is doubtful whether the \$1,000 left us by this will can be realized in full, on account of insufficient assets.

SARAH J. KNOX ESTATE, Manson, Iowa.—Of this bequest, amounting to \$300, the Treasurer has only received \$135. It is expected that the full sum will be realized.

MARTHA JOHNSTON ESTATE, Bucyrus, O.—This estate was in litigation.

tion a long time, and a less sum was therefore realized than was first expected. In December last our Treasurer received from the administrator the sum of \$358, which is all that will be realized.

LUCY A. WILLIAMS ESTATE, Pittsfield, Ill.—At the date of our last report, the contest over this will was pending on appeal in the Appellate Court of Illinois, not Supreme Court, as erroneously stated in last Report. Although the trial court decided in our favor, the Appellate Court reversed that decision. We then took the case to the Supreme Court on error. But in the meantime we renewed our efforts to have the case submitted to arbitration, in order to terminate the expensive litigation between this Society and the Parent Society, which also claims the legacy of \$1,500. It is supposed that this dispute will soon be ended by the decision of arbitrators.

JANE CARTLICH ESTATE, Somerset, O.—Five hundred dollars, the full amount of this bequest, less \$15 an inheritance tax, was paid into the treasury last March; but in order to get the money then, we had to give bond to the executor, which bond was signed by our attorney, and also by our friend, Rev. Dr. Rust.

MARY LOCKHART ESTATE, Mauch Chunk, Pa.—The bequest in this will is \$2,000; but before we can receive the money certain securities have to be sold by the executors. Our latest information was to the effect that they could not now dispose of these securities at such a price as to pay all legacies in full, and it was thought better results would be obtained by still further delay in the settlement.

SUSAN J. SPENCER ESTATE, Barton, Vt.—The \$50 given us by this will was paid to the Treasurer in February last.

SARAH A. LANKFORD BALMER ESTATE, New York City.—By this will we are to receive one-sixth of the residuary estate. Our latest information is to the effect that the residuary estate amounts to probably \$80,000. But this consists mainly of Western mortgages, and the collection of these securities will be slow. The executors desire the Societies to take these securities, and make the collections themselves, so that the executors may file a final account and settlement of the estate. Our attorney has the matter in charge, and the settlement will shortly be arranged.

From a bequest at Brimfield Appointment of Mandora Charge, in the Akron District of the East Ohio Conference, we received the sum of \$50 December 17, 1896, per Rev. L. C. Hallock, pastor in charge; but we have not been able to learn the name of the donor.

SARAH M. MURRAY ESTATE, Jacksonville, Ill.—By the 23d item of this will the testatrix gave one-fourth of her residuary estate to our Society, "to be used in Home Missionary Work in Illinois;" but nothing can be realized for us, because there is no residuum in the estate.

EXPERIENCE GARDINER ESTATE, South Coventry, Conn.—By the 5th item of this will, probated September 12, 1896, we are given the sum of \$250; but the amount has not yet been collected.

DAVID COLE ESTATE, Jacksonville, Ill.—The will in this case creates a fund to be derived from sale of household goods, which fund is to be perpetually invested, and one-seventh of the interest paid annually to the "Home Missionary Society of Methodist Episcopal Church." The interest which the "Home Missionary Society" ought to receive would probably be the interest on about \$6.

AURILLA A. BURNS ESTATE, Detroit, Mich.—By this will we are given the sum of \$2,000.

MARIA P. WEBSTER ESTATE, Leominster, Mass.—By this will, probated January 25, 1895, but not heretofore reported, we think, our Society is given the sum of \$500. The full amount thereof was paid to the Treasurer in January last.

ROSINA C. SMITHERS ESTATE, Gallipolis, O.—By the will of Mrs. Smithers, which was probated last January, we are given the sum of \$800.

FREDERICK A. ELY ESTATE, Brownsville, Vt.—By the will in this case, our Society is to receive the sum of \$500.

ELLEN E. ALLEN ESTATE, Stockton, N. Y.—This will gives to the testator's sister the income for life arising from the proceeds of sale of testator's lot in Stockton; after her death the said proceeds to be paid "to the Home Missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

ELISHA SAVAGE ESTATE, Berea, O.—The 9th item of the will reads as follows: "I give, devise, and bequeath \$400 to Woman's Home Missionary of Ohio." We are advised by our attorney that this bequest will fail, because the testator has children, and he died within one year after the making of his will.

MARGARET P. E. LUQUEER ESTATE, Elmira, N. Y.—Margaret P. E. Luqueer left to our Society one-third of a life-insurance policy of \$10,000, the other two-thirds being given to the Parent Society and the Woman's Foreign Society respectively. But in each case the interest was to be paid for life to a certain beneficiary living when the will was made. The holder of the life estate in our portion having died, it is expected that our portion of the insurance policy will shortly be paid into the treasury.

MARTHA AMIDON ESTATE, Syracuse, N. Y.—By this will, probated last May, our Society is to receive the sum of \$1,000.

SARAH J. BROWN ESTATE, Bloomburg, Pa.—By this will our Society is to receive the sum of \$200, to be designated as the "Mrs. Freas Brown Fund," the interest only to be used.

JOSEPHINE L. WIGHTMAN ESTATE, Onandaga, N. Y.—The 8th item of this will reads as follows: "If there are any surplus funds after all bequests are paid, it is to go to the Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

SARAH D. WHEELER ESTATE, Saratoga, N. Y.—One of the items in this will reads as follows: "10th. I give, devise, and bequeath to the Home Missionary Society all the residue and remainder of my said estate excepting my household furniture and wearing apparel, to have and to hold the same to the said Home Missionary Society and their respective successors. I mean the Methodist Home Missionary Society." It is understood that the Parent Society claims to be the beneficiary under this will.

CAMILLA M. JACOKES ESTATE, Pontiac, Mich.—By this will our Society was given the sum of \$500; and the full amount has been paid into the treasury.

JOHN WISE ESTATE, New Castle, Del.—By the will of John Wise we were given \$500, which sum has been paid to the Treasurer.

ALLEN STAHL ESTATE, Jefferson, O.—The testator gave a farm of fifty acres to his widow during the term of her natural life. After her death the farm was to be sold, and from the proceeds our Society was to receive the sum of \$200. It seems, however, that the farm is about to be sold, in order to obtain a fund with which to pay the widow's allowance for one year's support.

AUGUSTA HALL ESTATE, Hyde Park, Mass.—Under this will our Society is made residuary legatee. But we have not yet learned (October 16th) what sum we are likely to receive.

EMMA HAMMERSLEY ESTATE, Harrisburg, Pa.—Mrs. Hammersley died September 20, 1897, and we learn that she left a will, by which she gives \$1,000 to our Society, for the General Fund.

The will of the late William J. Sibley, of Washington, D. C., dated December 3, 1896, after various bequests to relatives, etc., arranges for the surplus from the revenue derived from the estate to be divided

equally between the Central Union Mission, of Washington, the Young Men's Christian Association, of Washington, the Methodist Home of the District of Columbia, and the National Training-school for Missionaries; the latter to be equally applied to the support of the Lucy Webb Hayes Deaconess Home, the Sibley Hospital, and the furtherance of its own objects and purposes.

By will of Mr. Daniel Wright, \$500, and his daughter's, Miss Mary Wright, gift of \$500, \$1,000 has been recently paid into the general treasury, to be used for deaconess work in Baltimore.

An Eastern friend, who wishes to remain unknown, has given the Society \$1,000 on the annuity plan.

By the will of Miss Hannah Haven, the Society has received \$463.50. By the terms of the will, this amount was divided equally between our Missions at Atlanta (Thayer Home), Savannah (Haven Home), and Speedwell (Mary Haven Thirkield Home).

By the will of John Wise, Wilmington, Del., \$500 comes to our Society. The money has been received by the Treasurer, and settlement made with the executor.

Belinda H. Dunton, late of Winona, Minn., left a will, by which she gives \$1,000 to the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

MRS. R. DYMOND, *Chairman*.

OF PLACE OF ANNUAL MEETING.

INVITATIONS have been received from Omaha, Salt Lake City, Evanston, Ill., and Minneapolis.

The Committee submit report without recommendations.

MRS. M. J. SCHoyer,
MRS. T. L. TOMKINSON.
MRS. L. G. MURPHY,
MRS. C. E. BRINKWORTH.

OF BY-LAWS.

1. PAGE 265, By-laws for Bureaus, your Committee recommend that No. 5 be changed to read as follows: "The Bureau for Georgia shall supervise the work of the Society in the State of Georgia, and the Bureau for Florida in the State of Florida."

2. On page 269, Section 7, No. 3, under Young People's Work, we recommend that the word *eight* be changed to *ten*, making it read: "Children under ten," etc.

3. On page 270, under By-laws of Board of Trustees, No. 8, we recommend that the word scholarship be used instead of beneficiary.

4. On page 271, we recommend that No. 20 be changed to read as follows: "In all cases where Conference Organizers, whose appointment has been confirmed by the Board of Trustees, are employed, the expense, which consists of traveling expenses and one dollar for each day of actual service, must be met by the Conference, if possible. An itemized bill must be given to the Conference Treasurer, and when the Conference Contingent Fund is insufficient to pay the whole of this bill, the Conference Treasurer may forward the same, indicating the amount paid thereon, to the General Treasurer, who will pay the balance." (The request for this change came from members of the Board of Trustees, in order to protect the General Treasury.)

5. On page 273, No. 4, under By-laws for Auxiliaries, we recommend that the following be added: "It shall also be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary, when no other person is appointed, to faithfully solicit subscriptions to *Woman's* and *Children's Home Missions*."

Amendment, By-law 10, page 271. To strike out after "Auxiliaries" the words, "Circles and Bands," and to add at the close of the present By-law, as printed, the words: "In the absence of a Conference Secretary of Young People's Work, she shall also secure reports from Circles and Bands."

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. T. J. EVERETT,
MRS. E. B. GREEN,
MRS. JANE BANCROFT ROBINSON,
MRS. A. D. KNAPP,
MRS. M. R. LINCOLN,
Committee.

OF ORGANIZATION.

DURING the year it has been my pleasure to visit nine Conferences, and I regret to record that I have been compelled to decline invitations from eight others, because of conflict with other engagements.

From March 23d to May 31st, continuous service was given to two Conferences in New England, with the exception of time between these dates to two other Conference Anniversaries.

I have presented the interests of the Society at six Conference Anniversaries, at the Annual Meeting of two Conference Societies, in five parlor meetings, and at one camp-meeting where the Woman's Home Missionary Society had never before had a place upon the program. A promising "Camp-meeting" Auxiliary was organized with the help of the efficient Conference Organizer.

Meetings were held in sixteen Churches having a Society, and in thirty-one where none existed. In all of these Churches without an Auxiliary to our Society, save one, well-equipped organizations or Committees were left with subscribers to our paper, who promised to make every effort to perfect the Auxiliary in the near future. And happily these ladies had the hearty co-operation of the pastor and his wife. The number of organizations effected were twenty-four—Woman's Home Missionary Societies, twenty; Young Woman's Home Missionary Societies, two; Mission Bands, one; Conferences, one; districts, two. Members secured, 540; subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions*, 47; clubs to *Children's Home Missions*, 12.

It is with regret that I record such a small subscription-list to *Woman's Home Missions*, for I believe it to be our strongest *visible* arm of power. But frequently with less than a day in a place, I could only command the time to secure what I might from those who had not left their purses at home, and trust future subscriptions to an active member of the new Society.

A Superintendent of Young People's Work was invariably urged, and in many instances appointed. Where clubs to the children's paper were secured, greater interest in this branch of our work will surely result.

The pleasant friends of our Society that I have met, the kind hospitality that I have received, the encouraging and appreciative words which have been spoken, are a delightful memory, and upon all the friends, the work, and the workers may the blessing of the All-Father rest!

MRS. B. S. POTTER, *General Organizer*.

OUR MITE-BOXES.

MRS. F. H. LORD says of Mite-boxes in New England:

"The plan of systematic mite-box work, as carried on in the New England Conferences, is but of two years growth, and in the two largest Conferences where broader opportunities are offered for its work, it is working with pronounced success.

"This is owing, in a great measure, to the 'Blanks' so carefully prepared for reports by the General Secretary of the Mite-box Department. They fill a long-felt want. Of the six New England Conferences, all but two have their Auxiliary, District, and Conference Mite-box Secretaries, who are present at district, quarterly, and Annual Meetings with reports.

"Much time is given to correspondence and the sending out of leaflets on mite-box work, these leaflets also serving as a part of the literary program for Auxiliary meetings, thereby stimulating the interest, and keeping in mind our little boxes.

"Our workers find nothing pays like personal work. In New Hampshire and Vermont Conferences considerable work is done by the children of the Junior League, one little girl earning \$2.50 in four months.

"Reports from New England Southern Conference show an average of \$1.75 for every box opened.

"New England Conference lays claim to having a Mite-box Secretary in each of her seventy-five Auxiliaries, and the annual opening is often the occasion of a 'Fete,' or Tea meeting. This being the largest Conference in New England, the strength of our work is best seen in this locality. Papers on mite-box work (prepared for the occasion) are often read at district or Annual Meetings with good results, and in various ways the subject is brought to the attention of the people. We rejoice in the part of the mite-box in helping our women to a plan of systematic, self-sacrificing giving for the Master."

Total Receipts in Cash and Postage.

From July 16, 1896, to July 16, 1897.....	\$59 41
Total amount of cash received from the Treasurer,	
Mrs. D. L. Williams, for the year.....	12 52
Total	\$71 93
Total amount disbursed and expended:	
From July 16, 1896, to July 16, 1897, cash and postage..	\$71 93

Mite-Box Collections**As Reported by Conferences from July 16, 1896, to July 16, 1897.**

Baltimore Conference, \$508.77; Central Alabama, 99 cents; Central New York, \$147.79; Central Ohio, \$25.28; Central Pennsylvania, \$216.30; Cincinnati, \$308; Detroit, \$222.30; East Ohio, \$200.73; Erie, \$34.15; Genesee, \$139.36; Illinois, \$17; Michigan, \$139.36; Newark, \$507.97; New Jersey, \$50.70; New York, \$50; Northern New York, \$59.05; North Ohio, \$2.70; Northwest Iowa, \$3.75; Ohio, \$162.71; Philadelphia, \$188.44; Pittsburgh, \$92; Rock River, \$32.78; South Kansas, \$3.50; Wilmington, \$90.70; Wisconsin, \$2.90; Texas, \$17.02; Des Moines, Iowa, \$26.46; Maine, no report; New England, \$106.56; New England Southern, \$81.44; New Hampshire, \$24.38; Vermont, \$7.12; North Indiana, \$241.67; Northwest Iowa, \$181.55; Appleton, Wis., \$10; Upper Iowa, \$125.

The Banner Auxiliary was the Madison Avenue Church, New York City; had fifty mite-boxes and \$50. The Banner mite-box was one containing \$14 in the Baltimore (Strawbridge Auxiliary) Conference, in Baltimore.

The Banner Conference in mite collections was Baltimore, which reported \$508.77.

I desire to return most sincere thanks to all who have in any way contributed to help us in our mite-boxes.

MRS. W. M. AMPT,
Chairman of Mite-box Committee.

ON INSURANCE.

Total amount of Insurance and Premiums paid during the year from October 1, 1896, to October 1, 1897, on property of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

	Date.	Am't.	Prem.
MORRISTOWN, TENN.—			
Industrial Home,	July 29, 1900,	\$4,000	\$80 00
LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—			
Adeline Smith Home,	May 19, 1900,	1,500	33 75
SAVANNAH, GA.—			
Haven Industrial Home,	Jan. 1, 1900,	500	19 00
" " " "	Nov. 15, 1901,	2,000	11 77
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH,	Feb. 23, 1900,	850	12 75
ASHEVILLE, N. C.—			
School and dwelling,	Sep. 15, 1900,	2,700	67 50
" " " "	Nov. 1, 1899,	1,500	37 50
" " " "	Feb. 16, 1900,	5,000	125 00
" " " "	Nov. 1, 1899,	1,500	37 50
CINCINNATI, O.—Glenn Home,	Mar. 18, 1898,	3,000	8 25
" " " "	Mar. 18, 1898,	5,500	14 50
JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—			
Dwelling and orphanage,	Feb. 5, 1900,	2,000	60 00
" " " "	Mar. 26, 1900,	1,000	35 00
" " " "	July 9, 1900,	1,300	39 00
LYNTON, WHATCOM CO., WASH.—			
Stickney Home,	July 8, 1900,	1,800	00
SAND FLY STATION,	Dec. 30, 1899,	2,000	40 00
PONCA, INDIAN TER.,	Nov. 14, 1901,	400	12 00

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Total amount of Insurance and Premiums paid on property of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

	Am't.	Prem.
ATHENS, TENN.—Ritter Industrial Home,	\$12,500	\$250 00
MORRISTOWN, TENN.—Industrial Home,	4,000	80 00
CAMDEN, S. C.—Browning Industrial Home,	4,800	144 00
Training-school and dwelling,	3,000	90 00
MARSHALL, TEX.—King Home,	10,000	300 00
WEST HOLLY SPRINGS, MISS.—		
E. L. Rust Industrial Home,	3,800	81 51
LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—Adeline Smith Industrial Home,	6,000	134 99
SAVANNAH, GA.—Haven Industrial Home, "	10,400	148 50
SAND FLY STATION,	2,000	40 00
PROVO, UTAH.—Dwelling and day-school,	1,000	30 00

Carried forward, \$57,500 \$1,299 00

	Am't.	Prem.
<i>Brought forward</i> ,	\$57,500	\$1,299 00
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH,	850	12 75
ELSINORE, UTAH.—Church and day-school,	500	20 00
LOGAN, UTAH.—Seminary building,	3,000	90 00
GREENSBORO, N. C.—		
Dwelling and Industrial Modern Home,	2,700	81 00
Asheville, N. C.—School and dwellings,	10,850	272 00
ORANGEBURG, S. C.—Sampson Home,	3,000	75 00
BOSTON, MASS.—Immigrants' Home,	14,000	168 00
CINCINNATI, O.—Glenn Home,	9,500	39 50
MADALIN, N. Y.,	10,000	207 50
PAWHUSKA, OKLAHOMA TER.,	1,800	54 00
PONCA, INDIAN TER.,	400	12 00
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO,	5,000	150 00
JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Dwelling and Orphanage,	6,450	212 50
OCALA, FLA.—Emerson Memorial Home Seminary,	2,100	73 50
Dwelling and school,	900	27 00
WHATCOM CO., WASH.—School and dormitory,	1,800	36 00
ATLANTA, GA.—Thayer Home,	5,000	100 00
NASHVILLE, TENN.—School and building,	1,000	25 00
UNALASKA, ALASKA,	3,000	95 00
	<hr/> \$139,350	<hr/> \$3,049 75

OUR NEW ORLEANS MISSION.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees held early in February, soon after the burning of Peck Home, a Committee was appointed, consisting of Mrs. R. S. Rust, Mrs. D. L. Williams, Mrs. F. A. Arter, and Mrs. H. C. Hedges, to take into consideration the missionary needs of New Orleans, and report plans for reopening the work of our Society in that city, to the next meeting of the Board of Managers, to be held in Baltimore, October, 1897.

Mrs. Arter visited the ground in February, and the writer and Mrs. Hedges in May. We arrived on the 17th, and spent Commencement-week at the college, which gave us an opportunity of noting the *personnel* and spirit of the school as a co-operating agency in the plans of our Society for the industrial education of young women.

By invitation we addressed the Preachers' Meeting, and spent nearly two hours in consultation with the twenty-five preachers of the city and vicinity, thereby gaining a clear idea of their temper toward our work.

The following week we spent in careful study of the several sections of the city, where are found the most needy populations, colored and white, native and foreign. We visited the industrial classes taught by our teacher, Miss Poppino, in the university; the sewing-classes and Mothers' Meetings conducted by Misses Hickman and Gibson, in connection with the several Churches in the city for colored people; the Italian Church, Sabbath-school, and Industrial Mission; met the district and Auxiliary officers of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society; accepted the hospitality of some of the representative and influential members of the Methodist Church, colored and Italian; consulted with the best-informed individuals we could find, of both nationalities; attended the Church services and Sabbath-schools; and addressed congregations and special meetings, one a general Convention of the Epworth League (colored).

The property of the Society here consists of an entire square, 320 feet on Peters Avenue. This street is filling up with a fine class of residences, and property is rapidly increasing in value. Sidewalks and curbing are good, and the street is to be paved with asphalt.

The site of the Home is five squares from the university, and its success has been embarrassed by the distance, which makes it inconvenient for students of the university to profit by the class-work. Peck Home furnished a Christian home for girls, and provided for the members of the family instruction in housekeeping methods, as time would allow.

Classes in dressmaking, cutting and fitting, and millinery were successfully taught in the university by our teachers, and were highly appreciated as essentials in the education of girls. Mothers' Meetings and sewing-classes for youth have been inaugurated in connection with the several Churches. We found the young people making good progress, and the parents interested. There is great need among the people of instruction in economical and improved methods of living, especially in providing and preparing food and clothing. The more ignorant, with few ideas of correct living, have little ambition for improvement. Increasing intelligence and experience modify these conditions.

The ranks of teachers and preachers are being rapidly filled, while the work of the skilled hand, guided by the educated mind, has a good chance for success. The demand for skilled labor is increasing, and we believe that the hour is come when a polytechnic institution, of a grade to meet the needs of the people, could be sustained in New Orleans. It would meet a felt want, would have the patronage of the better classes, and the influence going out from it would reach all grades of society.

To secure the highest success, it should be near and associated with the university as a department, and should be recognized in the course of study, and in the grading of pupils. This association would insure to it educated students, and the fact of industrial training being included in the college grades, would recognize the dignity of labor.

It is equally important to keep it in close touch with the people. This can be done by means of industrial classes, that may be taught in the Churches, similar to those already inaugurated, which would serve it as feeders, and which should be under the direction of the teachers of the institution, assisted by pupils and by the more intelligent women of the congregation. The instruction furnished in practical industries, as the cutting and fitting of garments, dressmaking and millinery, and especially cooking and nursing, would supply a demand for skilled service along this line, and would open up to educated girls an opportunity for remunerative employment.

In planning our work for the future it is necessary to keep in mind the fact that the prejudices and race antagonisms, which have hindered our work in the past, are still alive. Peck Home was destroyed by fire, probably of incendiary origin.

These recommendations of our Committee are not, on the part of the Chairman, the result of recent experiences, or the observation of a few hours, but of many years of careful study of the field, during weeks together, at several different times, spent in New Orleans.

The Committee recommends the sale of the property, and the purchase of a site more convenient to the university, and the erection of a building on it that would furnish class-rooms for various industries, and dormitory accommodations for pupils. This would enable us to carry out the Model Home feature of our work in connection with the university, on the lines that have proved so successful in other of our Industrial

Homes, have been approved by both Societies, the Freedmen's Aid Society and the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and which provide that the graduating classes and most advanced students should be accommodated in the Home. The promise of professional training in various industries would attract special students. The industrial classes and Mothers' Meetings that could be sustained in connection with the several Churches in the city, would be influential in this result.

The evening of our departure we met in consultation the ministers of the city Churches. A most cordial spirit was manifested. The following report of that meeting was forwarded by its Secretary:

"MINUTES:

"In response to invitation of Mrs. R. S. Rust and Mrs. H. C. Hedges, the pastors of the several Churches in New Orleans met in the parlor of the New Orleans University, May 22d, to consider plans for the re-establishment of the work of the Society in this city.

"The work as it had been conducted was considered, and the advisability of a radical change of method discussed.

"Dr. Scott, who during the five years he was President of Wiley University, had practical experience of the advantages of the plan of co-operation which had been agreed upon by the Freedmen's Aid and the Woman's Home Missionary Societies, said that the young women resident in the Home in a short time took a higher stand in every way in the school than girls of equal ability who were in the boarding department of the college. He considered the training that the Home furnished to be of the highest importance in their education.

"All agreed that the industrial feature is of incalculable value in preparation for life-work, especially in view of the fact that a majority of the pupils come from homes where they have few advantages for acquiring a knowledge of the essential details of good housekeeping.

"The relative advantage of location, with reference to population, was considered; also the sixteen Churches for colored people in New Orleans, which have a membership of 3,200, and a constituency of more than three times that number. They are distributed throughout the city, while the University and the site of Peck Home are at one side.

"The supreme need of a polytechnical institution, to include practical industries and nurse training, was recognized, and in order to secure extended co-operation, it was recommended to conduct industrial schools, or classes, under the direction of the central institute, in connection with the Churches.

"It was recognized that industrial training without education would not have permanent value in the elevation of the race.

"It was agreed, unanimously, to recommend a polytechnical institution, located as near as possible to the New Orleans University. The discussion was participated in, and the conclusions indorsed, by eleven pastors present."

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. R. S. RUST,
MRS. D. L. WILLIAMS,
MRS. F. A. ARTER,
MRS. H. C. HEDGES,
Committee.

ON FINANCE AND MISSION FIELDS.

The Committee on Finance and Mission Fields recommend the following appropriations for 1897-98:

APPROPRIATIONS.

Southern Work.

THAYER HOME, ATLANTA, GA.—Superintendent and assistants,	
salary and traveling expenses,	\$780 00
Repairs,	100 00
Additional building,	500 00
Total,	\$1,380 00
HAVEN HOME, SAVANNAH, GA.—Superintendent, salary and	
traveling expenses,	\$480 00
Assistant superintendent and teachers,	860 00
Current expenses,	350 00
Repairs, and water and plumbing,	150 00
School supplies and furniture,	110 00
Putting in gas (conditional),	91 60
Total,	\$2,041 60
SPEEDWELL, GA.—Teacher's salary and traveling expenses, . .	
Current expenses and incidentals,	\$360 00
Furnishings (conditional),	175 00
Horse and buggy (conditional),	54 50
Total,	75 00
BOYLAN HOME, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Superintendent, traveling	
expenses, and salary,	\$360 00
Three assistants,	960 00
Incidentals,	100 00
Furniture and desks,	100 00
Repairs and furnishing for Industrial School,	100 00
Sidewalk,	100 00
Total,	\$1,720 00
EMERSON HOME, OCALA, FLA.—Superintendent, salary and trav-	
eling expenses,	\$360 00
Missionary teachers,	320 00
Repairs,	200 00
Total,	\$880 00
KENT HOME, GREENSBORO, N. C.—Superintendent, salary and	
traveling expenses,	\$350 00
Incidentals,	50 00
Total,	\$400 00

ALLEN HOME, ASHEVILLE, N. C.—Superintendent and teachers,	
salary and traveling expenses,	\$1,080 00
Incidentals (conditional upon being needed),	100 00
Completing building,	1,800 00
Total,	\$2,980 00
SIMPSON HOME, ORANGEBURG, S. C.—Superintendent and assist-	
ants, salary and traveling expenses,	\$790 00
Furnishing and incidentals,	175 00
Finishing attic (conditional),	150 00
Total,	\$1,115 00
BROWNING HOME, CAMDEN, S. C.—Superintendent and three	
assistants, salary and traveling expenses,	\$1,560 00
MORRISTOWN, TENN.—Superintendent and assistant, salary and	
traveling expenses,	\$685 00
Incidentals and improvements,	125 00
Total,	\$810 00
RITTER HOME, ATHENS, TENN.—Superintendent and sewing	
teacher, salary and traveling expenses,	\$580 00
Pupil teacher (conditional upon being needed),	50 00
Incidentals and fuel,	200 00
Painting and repairs (conditional),	500 00
Total,	\$1,330 00
E. L. RUST HOME, HOLLY SPRINGS, MISS.—Superintendent and	
assistants, salary and traveling expenses,	\$950 00
Nurse-training department (\$25 conditional),	225 00
Incidentals and repairs,	300 00
Total,	\$1,475 00
BENNETT HOME, CLARKSON, MISS.—Superintendent and assist-	
ant, salary and traveling expenses,	\$750 00
Incidentals,	370 00
Boarding-hall building (conditional),	300 00
Total,	\$1,420 00
ADELINE SMITH HOME, LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—Superintendent	
and assistant, salary and traveling expenses,	\$554 00
Incidentals and repairs,	280 00
Total,	\$834 00
ITALIAN WORK, NEW ORLEANS, LA.—Missionaries, salary and	
traveling expenses,	\$800 00
Rent and incidentals,	170 00
Total,	\$970 00

KING HOME, MARSHALL, TEXAS.—Superintendent and assistant, salary and traveling expenses,	\$740 00
Incidentals, fuel, etc.,	150 00
Heating apparatus,	300 00
Total,	\$1,190 00
Total for Southern Work,	\$20,770 10

Utah.

GURLEY HOME, MORONI—Teacher and supplies,	\$360 00
RICFIELD—Teacher,	300 00
MT. PLEASANT—Missionary and rent,	250 00
LOGAN—Missionary and rent,	250 00
EPHRAIM—Missionary and rent,	300 00
PROVO—Missionary and rent,	200 00
OGDEN—Missionary and rent,	250 00
SPRING CITY—Missionary and rent,	360 00
EL SINORE—Teacher,	400 00
SALT LAKE, DEACONESS HOME—Four Deaconesses,	800 00
Contingent Fund (\$100 conditional),	400 00
Total for Utah,	\$3,870 00

New Mexico and Arizona (Spanish.)

HARWOOD HOME, ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.—Superintendent and assistant, salary and traveling expenses,	\$960 00
Incidentals,	100 00
Furnishings (conditional),	500 00
Total,	\$1,560 00
LAS CRUCES—Missionary and incidentals,	\$530 00
LAS VEGAS—Missionary and incidentals,	630 00
Total for New Mexico and Arizona (Spanish),	\$2,720 00

Indian Work.

NEW MEXICO AND ARIZONA (INDIAN).

DULCE.—Two missionaries,	\$960 00
Assistant teacher and helper,	200 00
Improvements on building, and a well,	200 00
Building dormitory (conditional),	300 00
Total,	\$1,660 00
NAVAJOES.—Missionary,	\$600 00
Interpreter,	200 00
Building well, and incidentals,	150 00
Total,	\$950 00
Total for New Mexico and Arizona (Indian),	\$2,610 00

INDIAN AND FRONTIER WORK.

PONCA, O. T.—Missionary,	\$420 00
Incidentals and repairs,	150 00
Total,	\$570 00
ADELAIDE SPRINGER MISSION, PAWHUSKA, O. T.—Missionary and teachers (200 conditional),	630 00
Incidentals,	150 00
Total,	\$780 00
STICKNEY HOME, NOOKSACK, WASH.—Superintendent, matron, and teacher,	\$540 00
Furniture and incidentals,	350 00
Total,	\$890 00
FORT SIMCOE, YAKIMA AGENCY.—Missionary, salary and inci- dentals,	\$380 00
UKIAH, CAL.—Missionary,	80 00
PAWNEE, O. T.—Missionary,	100 00
	\$560 00
Total for Indian and Frontier Work,	\$2,800 00
ALASKA.—Salaries and incidentals,	\$1,000 00

Immigrant Work.

IMMIGRANTS' HOME, NEW YORK.—Two missionaries,	\$960 00
Domestic, \$230; rent, \$800; current expenses, \$250,	1,280 00
Total,	\$2,240 00
IMMIGRANTS' HOME, PHILADELPHIA.—Superintendent, salary (conditional), \$200; rent, \$200; current expenses, \$200,	\$600 00
IMMIGRANTS' HOME, BOSTON.—Superintendent and assistant,	\$416 00
Helpers, \$600; repairs, \$250; car-fare and incidentals, \$30,	880 00
Repairs and improvements (conditional),	250 00
Medical work at North End (conditional),	1,050 00
Total,	\$2,596 00
Total for immigrant work,	5,436 00
WATTS DE PEYSTER HOME, TIVOLI, N. Y.—Superintendent and helper,	\$900 00
Teacher, \$420; farmer, \$420; current expenses, \$600,	1,440 00
Fuel and light, \$250; repairs and incidentals, \$325; indoor help, \$350,	925 00
(Conditional appropriation),	1,200 00
Total,	\$4,465 00

E. E. MARCY HOME, CHICAGO, ILL.—Missionary and helpers, .	\$480 00
Incidentals,	250 00
Building (conditional),	7,000 00
Total,	\$7,730 00

GLENN HOME, CINCINNATI, O. — Missionary and kindergarten (conditional),	\$2,000 00
Unconditional appropriation,	500 00
Total,	\$2,500 00

MOTHERS' JEWELS HOME, YORK, NEB.—Superintendent and assistant, \$800; matron's salary and helpers, \$840; farmer, \$250; kindergarten and teacher, \$300,	\$2,180 00
Current expenses,	2,500 00
Painting buildings, \$150; memorial tablets and windows, \$200; traveling expenses for children (conditional), \$200; children's annex (conditional), \$150,	700 00
Total,	\$5,380 00

LUCY WEBB HAYES TRAINING-SCHOOL, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Deaconesses' allowances, incidentals, insurance, and printing, \$2,000 00	\$2,000 00
Rent, \$500; furnishing and repairs, \$500; local city work, \$500 (conditional),	1,500 00
Support of deaconesses (conditional),	1,000 00
Reappropriation for building (conditional),	10,000 00
Total,	\$14,500 00
Sibley Hospital (conditional \$500),	\$1,500 00

Deaconess Work (Conditional).

BALTIMORE,	\$4,000 00
BROOKLYN,	4,500 00
BUFFALO,	4,000 00
CLEVELAND,	4,000 00
DES MOINES,	1,200 00
DETROIT,	3,000 00
GRAND RAPIDS,	2,500 00
KNOXVILLE,	700 00
PHILADELPHIA,	5,000 00
PITTSBURG,	4,000 00
SAN FRANCISCO,	2,500 00
SYRACUSE,	1,500 00
URBANA,	1,500 00
TROY CONFERENCE,	300 00
JERSEY CITY,	1,500 00
NEW MEXICO,	250 00
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE,	600 00
REST HOME, OCEAN GROVE, N. J.,	3,600 00
BUILDING DEACONESS HOME, SYRACUSE, N. Y.,	2,000 00
Total Deaconess Work,	\$46,650 00

Oriental Work.

SAN FRANCISCO (\$1,000 conditional),	\$2,500 00
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA,	300 00
Total,	\$2,800 00

Conference and City Work (Conditional).

MICHIGAN,	\$1,000 00
NEWARK,	800 00
NEW JERSEY,	500 00
PITTSBURG,	500 00
Total,	\$2,800 00

Appropriations for Scholarships (Conditional).

ALASKA,	\$2,000 00
ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.,	600 00
ASHEVILLE, N. C.,	210 00
ATHENS, TENN.,	800 00
ATLANTA, GA.,	400 00
CAMDEN, S. C.,	200 00
CLARKSON, MISS.,	150 00
DULCE, N. M.,	160 00
GREENSBORO, N. C.,	200 00
HOLLY SPRINGS, MISS.,	150 00
JACKSONVILLE, FLA.,	200 00
LITTLE ROCK, ARK.,	160 00
MARSHALL, TEX.,	300 00
MORRISTOWN, TENN.,	200 00
NOOKSACK, WASH.,	800 00
OCALA, FLA.,	200 00
ORANGEBURG, S. C.,	225 00
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.,	600 00
SAVANNAH, GA.,	250 00
TIVOLI, N. Y.,	800 00
YORK, NEB.,	600 00
WASHINGTON, D. C., TRAINING-SCHOOL,	2,500 00
Total Scholarship Funds,	\$11,705 00

Printing Accounts,	\$2,500 00
Office Expenses,	2,500 00
Attorney's Fees,	300 00
Interest on Annuities, Endowments, and Notes,	2,000 00
Insurance,	1,000 00
Incidentals,	1,700 00
Grand Total,	149,236 10
Unconditional,	60,585 00
Conditional,	88,651 10

Summary.

	Unconditional.	Conditional.
Southern Work,	\$19,424 00	\$1,346 10
Utah,	3,770 00	100 00
New Mexico and Arizona (Spanish),	2,220 00	500 00
New Mexico and Arizona (Indian),	2,310 00	300 00
Indian and Frontier Work,	2,600 00	200 00
Alaska,	1,000 00	.....
Immigrant,	3,936 00	1,500 00
Watts de Peyster Home,	3,265 00	1,200 00
E. E. Marcy Home,	730 00	7,000 00
Glenn Home,	500 00	2,000 00
Mothers' Jewels Home,	5,030 00	350 00
Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school,	3,000 00	11,500 00
Sibley Hospital,	1,000 00	500 00
Deaconess Work, . . . . .	.....	46,650 00
Oriental Work,	1,800 00	1,000 00
Conference and City Work, . . . . .	.....	2,800 00
Scholarships, . . . . .	.....	11,705 00
General Incidental Expenses,	8,000 00	.....
Interest on Annuities, Endowments, and Notes,	2,000 00	.....
Total,	\$60,585 00	\$88,651 10

MRS. DELIA LATHROP WILLIAMS, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

MRS. DELIA L. WILLIAMS,

In account with the WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

July 15, 1896 to July 15, 1897.

RECEIPTS FROM CONFERENCES.

Baltimore Conference.

MRS. M. E. BROWN, Treasurer, 902 Fourteenth Street, Washington, D. C.

General Fund.—BALTIMORE DISTRICT.—Baltimore: Eutaw Street, \$7.25; First Church, \$139; Circle, \$10; Madison Avenue, \$88; Mt. Vernon Place, \$34.75; Gift, \$3.50; South Baltimore, \$34.50; Strawbridge, \$78; Wesley Chapel, \$22.50; Woodberry: Grace, \$14.75. Total, \$432.25.

EAST BALTIMORE DISTRICT.—Baltimore: Broadway, \$17.75; Canton Street, \$11.50; East Baltimore Station, \$31.80; Green Mount Avenue, \$2.25; Harford Avenue, \$52.60; Jefferson Street, \$7.40; Montford Avenue, \$16.50; Monument Street, \$33.25. Total, \$173.05.

WEST BALTIMORE DISTRICT.—Baltimore: Bethany, \$32.50; Columbia Avenue, \$27; Emory, \$11.60; Fayette Street, \$45; Franklin Street, \$23; Grace, \$78; Circle, \$8.50; Harlem Park, \$30; Union Square, \$40; Whatcoat, \$53.50; Mrs. H. R. Savage, \$1. Total, \$350.10.

FREDERICK DISTRICT.—Cumberland: Center Street, \$8; District paid to Mrs. Roach, \$7.25; Ijamsville, \$6; Martinsburg, \$30.80; Paw Paw, \$6. Total, \$58.05.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.—Washington: Anacostia, \$27.70; Douglas Memorial, \$34.25; Dumbarton, \$30; Fifteenth Street, \$17; Foundry, \$40; Circle, \$11; Young Ladies, \$6.50; Grace, \$7.25; Hamline, \$133; Circle, \$11.80; Young Ladies, \$6.30; Hamline Junior, \$5.30; Ministering Circle, 90c.; Kensington, \$20.05; Lanham, \$4.33; McKendree, \$22.20; Circle, \$7.50; McKendree Junior, \$1.50; Metropolitan, \$41.25; North Capital \$11.20; Ryland, \$43; St. Paul's, \$27; Trinity, \$36.20; Twelfth Street, \$29.80; Union, \$33; Mothers' Jewels, 20c.; Waugh, \$41.25; Wesley, \$31.35; Circle, \$10.20; Wesley Junior, \$4.20. Total, \$695.23.

Leaflet Fund.—Conference, \$7.25.

Mothers' Jewels.—Washington: McKendree, 50c.; Union, 10c.

Total, 60 cents.

Organizers' Expense.—By Voucher. Baltimore: Franklin Street, \$2.70; Washington: Anacostia, \$1.25; Waugh, \$3.20. Total, \$7.15.

Baltimore Conference, \$160.32. Total, \$160.32.

Total to General Fund, \$1,884.

Special General Fund.—*Emergency Fund.*—Baltimore: Fayette Street, \$5; Grace, \$5; Jefferson Avenue, \$5; Madison Avenue, \$10; Washington: Douglas Memorial, \$5; Foundry, \$20; Hamline Church, \$25; McKendree, \$10; Metropolitan, \$35; Trinity, \$5; not distributed to Auxiliaries, \$20. Total, \$145.

Immigrants' Home, N. Y.—West Baltimore District, \$4.50; Fayette Street, \$1; Union Square, \$1; Grace, \$1.50; Harlem Park, \$1; Whatcoat, \$2; Bethany, \$1; Broadway, \$1.75; East Baltimore Station, \$1; Harford Avenue, \$3.50; Monument Street, \$2.25; East Baltimore District, \$1.50; Frederick District, \$5; Ijamsville, \$5; Washington District, \$29; Foundry, \$5; Hamline, \$5; Young Ladies, \$1; McKendree, \$5. Total, \$77.

Missionary Salary, Alaska.—Baltimore: Columbia Avenue, \$5; Franklin Street, \$5; First Church, \$25; Circle, \$10; Mt. Vernon Place, \$2; Fayette, \$10; Union Square, \$10; Grace, \$25; Harlem Park, \$10; Emory, \$10; Wesley Chapel, \$2.50; Whatcoat, \$10; Bethany, \$10; Baltimore District, \$1.50; Strawbridge, \$20; East Baltimore Station, \$3.85; West Baltimore District, \$5; Frederick District, \$15; Ijamsville, \$2.50; Washington District, \$11; Dumbarton, \$5; McKendree, \$25; St. Paul's, \$50; Fifteenth Street, \$3.10; Trinity, \$12; Union, \$32; Waugh, \$28.32; Weslev, \$1.

Total, \$349.77.

Total to Special General Fund, \$571.77.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Jesse Lee Home.*—Baltimore: Madison Avenue, \$50; Wesley Chapel, \$5; Washington: Foundry, \$30; Hamline, Young Ladies, \$15; Junior, \$35; Metropolitan, \$50; Waugh, 50.20; Wesley Chapel, Young Ladies, \$50. Total, \$285.20.

Lucy Webb Hayes Home.—By Voucher.—Baltimore: First Church, \$10; Junior, \$2.50; Madison Avenue, \$15; Strawbridge, \$3; South Baltimore, \$3; Emory, \$2.50; East Baltimore Station, \$10.15; West Baltimore District, \$15; Fayette, \$2.50; Union Square, \$2.50; Grace, \$15; Harlem Park, \$2.50; Whatcoat, \$2.50; Bethany, \$2.50; Harford Avenue, \$8; Monument Street, \$2; Washington: Wesley, Young Ladies, \$1; for Salee Omasyra, Hagerstown, \$4; Ijamsville, \$2; Frederick, \$15; Frostburg, \$10; Frederick District, \$25. Total, \$155.65.

Oriental Work.—Washington District, \$37; Washington: Douglas Memorial, \$1; Hamline, Young Ladies, \$10; Foundry, \$5; Young Ladies, \$5; Fifteenth Street, \$2; Frederick District, \$15; Ijamsville, \$2.50. Total, 77.50.

Utah.—Baltimore: Emory, \$1.50; Fayette, \$1; Union Square, \$1; Grace, \$1; Harlem Park, \$1; Whatcoat, \$1; Bethany, \$1; Harford Avenue, \$2; Monument Street, \$2; Baltimore District, \$2; East Baltimore District, \$1.50; First Church, \$2; Madison, \$2; Strawbridge, \$2; South Baltimore, \$2; East Baltimore Station, \$1. Total, \$24.

Stickney Home.—Frederick District, \$40; Ijamsville, \$5; Frederick, Epworth League, \$5. Total, \$50.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$592.35.

Special Fund.—*Deaconess Home, Baltimore.*—Voucher, \$2,249.76; Auxiliaries, \$679.17. Total, \$2,928.93.

Deaconess Home, Washington.—Voucher, \$1,115.50; Auxiliaries, \$350.42. Total, \$1,465.92.

Hospital Fund.—Voucher, \$497.58; Auxiliaries, \$97.20. Total, \$594.78.

Frontier Work.—Voucher, \$39.85. Total, \$39.85.

Harwood Home Furnishing.—Washington: Hamline, \$50. Total, \$50.

Immigrants' Home, N. Y.—Baltimore: First Church, \$5; Circle, \$3; Madison, \$5; Strawbridge, \$5; South Baltimore, \$2; Emory, \$1; East Baltimore Station, \$2.50. Total, \$23.50.

Jesse Lee Home.—*Building Fund.*—Washington: Foundry, Young Ladies, \$50; Friends, for Washing Machine, \$8. Total, \$58.

Rest Home.—Baltimore: Grace, \$8; Harford Avenue, \$2; Washington: Foundry, \$2; Hamline, \$3; Metropolitan, \$12; McKendree, \$5. Total, \$32.

Total to Special Fund, \$5,192.98.
Grand total, 8,241.10.
Local Work, 329.71.

California Conference.

MRS. ABBIE A. STUDLEY, Treasurer, 717 Shotwell Street,
San Francisco, California.

General Fund.—NAPA DISTRICT.—Napa: Centenary, \$10.50; Petaluma, \$8; Santa Rosa, \$12. Total, \$30.50.

OAKLAND DISTRICT.—Alameda: First Church, \$26; Berkeley: Trinity, \$27; Young Ladies' Circle, \$6.50; Haywards, 3; Modesta, \$2; Oakland: Chester Street, \$8; First Church, \$62; Young Ladies' Circle, \$7; East Oakland: Eighth Avenue, \$38.10; Stockton Central, \$30.74. Total, \$210.34.

SACRAMENTO DISTRICT.—Grass Valley, \$28; Marysville, \$4; Sacramento: Sixth Street, \$25. Total, \$57.

SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT.—Centella, \$11; Pacific Grove, \$29.50; San Francisco: California Street, \$14; Central, \$27; Epworth, \$4; Grace, \$32.40; Circle, 3; Howard Street, \$35; Circle, \$4; Simpson Memorial, \$18; Trinity, \$21.60; San Jose: First Church, \$36; Santa Clara, \$10; Santa Cruz, \$21.20. Total, \$266.70.

Conference Gatherings, \$21. Total, \$21.

Leaflet Fund, \$5. Total, \$5.

Total General Fund, \$590.54.

Special General Fund.—*Emergency Fund*.—Butcher City, \$5; Centella, \$10; Grass Valley, \$11.50; Oakland: First Church, \$10.50; Young Ladies' Circle, \$23; San Francisco, \$10; San Jose: First Church, \$10; Santa Cruz, \$2.50; Stockton: Central, \$10.

Total Special General Fund, \$92.50.

Special Fund.—*To Deaconess Work*.—San Francisco Conference, \$493.05; Napa Mite-boxes, \$5; without special credits, \$370.85.

Total, \$868.90.

Frontier Work.—Napa, Mite-boxes, \$5. Total, \$5.

Oriental Bureau.—Alameda: First Church, \$3.60; Circle, \$10; Grass Valley, \$5; Oakland: First Church, \$9; Circle, \$10; East Oakland: Eighth Avenue, \$10; San Francisco: Grace, \$2.75; Howard Street, \$8; Trinity, \$6; San Jose: First Church, \$10; Santa Cruz, \$7.50; without special credits, \$161.65; Conference, \$174.12. Total, \$417.62.

Indian Work, Jewett, N. M.—Napa: Centenary, \$5; Santa Rosa, \$5. Total, \$10.

Total Special Fund, \$1,301.72.

Grand total, 1,984.76.

Central Illinois Conference.

MRS. ELLA BRADWAY, Treasurer, Abingdon, Illinois.

General Fund.—GALESBURG DISTRICT.—Abingdon, \$12.50; Carthage \$3.25; Thank-offering, \$6; Circle, \$15.75; Galesburg, \$10; North Henderson, \$4.50; Band, \$35. Total, \$52.35.

KANKAKEE DISTRICT.—Onarga, \$25. Total, \$25.

ROCK ISLAND DISTRICT.—Rock Island, \$4; Circle, \$12.50. Total, \$16.50.

Conference Gatherings.—Through Rev. Thomas Doney, \$13.

Total, \$13.

Total to General Fund, \$106.85.

Special General Fund.—*Emergency Fund.*—Henry: A Friend, \$5; Normal, \$5; Onarga, \$30; Tiskilwa, Mrs. Hepperly and daughter, \$10.

Total, \$50.

Total to Special General Fund, \$50.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Ritter Home.*—Rock Island, \$20.

Total, \$20.

San Francisco.—Carthage, \$25.

Total, \$25.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$45.00.

Grand total, 201.85.

Central Missouri Conference.

MRS. G. B. ABBOTT, Treasurer, 1913 Locust Street, Kansas City, Mo.

General Fund.—KANSAS CITY DISTRICT.—Kansas City: Asbury Chapel, \$1; Burns Chapel, \$1; Clinton, 50 cts.; Slater, 62 cts. Total, \$3.12.

ST. JOSEPH DISTRICT.—Columbia, \$1; Fayette, \$3.20; Glasgow, 50 cts. Total, \$4.70.

TOPEKA DISTRICT.—Topeka: Asbury, 58 cents; Mound City, 25 cents. Total, 83 cents.

Total to General Fund, \$8.65.

Special General Fund.—*Emergency Fund.*—Kansas City: Grand Avenue, \$5. Total, \$5.

Grand Total, \$13.65.

Central New York Conference.

MRS. J. F. PEASE, Treasurer, 107 Merriman Avenue, Syracuse, N. Y.

General Fund.—AUBURN DISTRICT.—Auburn: First Church, \$62; Wall Street, \$30; Ithaca: First Church, \$46; Band, 72 cents; Lock Berlin, \$6.75; North Lansing, \$1; Red Creek, \$3.15; Circle, \$9.88; Savannah, \$26; Seneca Falls, \$10.75; Victory, \$12.15; Weedsport, \$29.25; Circle, \$19.50; Band, \$1.77. Total, \$258.92.

CAZENOVIA DISTRICT.—Canastota, \$22; Cazenovia, \$38; Chittenango, \$1.88; Circle, \$6.76; Cortland, \$55; Band, \$1; DeRuyter, \$6.50; Homer, \$16; Keeney's Settlement, \$11; Manlius, \$31; North Pitcher, \$1; Oneida, \$30.70; West Dryden, \$7; West Eaton, \$3.75; Mrs. Mary O'Day, \$50.

Total, \$281.59.

ELMIRA DISTRICT.—Burlington, \$1; Canton, Pa., \$21; Catherine, \$3; East Smithfield, \$1; Elmira: First Church, \$55.80; to make Mrs. F. R. Hall Life Member, \$20; Circle, \$7; Hedding, \$36.25; Band, \$4.50; Forks-ville, \$1; Riverside, \$12.50; Troy, Pa., \$19. Total, \$182.05.

GENEVA DISTRICT.—Bellona Circle, \$7; Canandaigua, \$42.60; Circle, \$5; Band, \$5; Clyde, \$15.25; Geneva, \$27.44; Lyons, \$57; Band, \$5; Mecklinburg, \$18.20; Middlesex, \$21.25; Milo Center, \$19; Newark, \$28; North Hectar, \$1; Palmyra, \$36.30; Penn Yan, \$37; Seneca Castle, \$1; Sodus, \$28.25; Trumansburg, \$11.25; Wayne and Barrington, \$1; Williamson, \$8.60.

Total, \$375.14.

SYRACUSE DISTRICT.—Amber, \$2; Baldwinsville, \$54; Circle, \$14; De Witt, \$20.40; Euclid, \$6.45; Liverpool, \$14.25; Syracuse: Brown Memorial, \$25.75; Centenary, \$52.25; Erwin Square, \$16.75; First Church,

\$89.75; First Ward, \$31; Furman Street, \$5.50; University Avenue, \$81.60;	
West Genesee Street, \$38; Band, 29 cents.	Total, \$451.99.
<i>Mothers' Jewels</i> , \$40.40.	Total, \$40.40.
<i>Mite-boxes</i> , \$64.73.	Total, \$64.73.
<i>Leaflets</i> , 50 cents.	Total, 50 cents.
<i>Child's Paper</i> , \$1.50.	Total, \$1.50.
Total General Fund,	\$1,656.82.

Special General Fund. —Cortland, Mrs. Thankful Price to make Mrs. Mary O'Day Honorary Manager, \$50; Euclid, \$4.95; Maulius, \$6.10; Milo Center, \$2; Palmyra, \$5; Sodus, 25 cents; Syracuse: Centenary, \$10; First Church, \$20; Keeney's Settlement, 50 cents; Riverside, \$5; Seneca Falls, \$2.49; Troy, \$1.10; Weedsport, \$8.39; Mite-boxes, \$2.09.		Total, \$117.87.
<i>Emergency Fund.</i> —Auburn: First Church, \$10; Baldwinsville, \$15; Canastota, \$5; Canton, Pa., \$25; Cazenovia, \$5; Cortland, \$45; De Witt, \$18.42; Elmira: First Church, \$5; Circle, \$5; Hedding Church, \$10; Homer, \$5; Ithaca: First Church, \$30; Keeney's Settlement, \$15; Lyons, \$16.75; Manlius, \$5; Middlesex, \$3; Newark, \$5; Oneida, \$18; Penn Yan, \$5; Seneca Falls, \$10; Sodus, \$15; Syracuse: Brown Memorial, \$10; First Church, \$45.25; Centenary, \$24.32; Band, \$5; First Ward, \$5; West Genesee Street, \$11; University Avenue, \$50; Weedsport, \$10.83.		Total, \$432.57.
Total Special General Fund,		\$550.44.

Beneficiary Fund. — <i>Jesse Lee Home.</i> —Elmira: Hedding Church, \$5; Geneva, \$10; Penn Yan, Circle, \$50; Weedsport, \$15.65.		Total, \$80.65.
<i>Ritter Home.</i> —Baldwinsville, \$10.		Total, \$10.
<i>Simpson Home.</i> —Geneva, \$20.		Total, \$20.
<i>Stickney Home.</i> —Syracuse: First Ward, \$10; Band, \$10; Weedsport, \$17.42; Band, \$5.74.		Total, \$43.16.
Total Beneficiary Fund,		\$153.81.

Special Fund. — <i>Deaconess Home, Syracuse.</i> —By voucher, \$283.65.		Total, \$283.65.
<i>Immigrant Home, New York</i> , \$5.		Total, \$5.
<i>Jesse Lee Home.</i> —Bellona, Circle, \$5; Middlesex, \$5; Milo Center, \$3; Palmyra, \$5; Syracuse: Furman Street, \$5.		Total, \$23.
<i>Marcy Home.</i> —Auburn District, \$5; Elmira: First Church, \$1; Circle, \$1.		Total, \$7.
Total Special Fund,		\$318.65.
Grand total,		2,679.72.
Local Work,		89.58.

Central Ohio Conference.

MRS. W. G. WILLIAMS, Treasurer, Delaware, Ohio.

General Fund. —BELLEFONTAINE DISTRICT.—Anna, \$18; Bellefontaine, \$66.25; De Graft, \$14.25; Hardin, \$12.25; Lena, \$2.69; Quincy, \$18.25; Roundhead, \$2; St. Paris, \$15; Sidney, \$21.75.		Total, \$170.44.
DEFIANCE DISTRICT.—Ayersville, \$7.50; Bryan, \$18; Defiance, \$54.83; Circle, \$17.77; Ottawa, \$20; Pioneer, \$28.50.		Total, \$146.60.
DELAWARE DISTRICT.—Carey, \$17; Delaware: William Street, \$38; Marion, \$85; Marysville, \$35.25; Mt. Victory, \$5.80; Prospect, \$7.45; West Mansfield: Bethel Church, \$16.76.		Total, \$205.26.
FINDLAY DISTRICT.—Ada, \$6.75; Bloomdale, \$14.25; Columbus Grove, \$1; Findlay: First Church, \$38.52; Fostoria, \$39; Fremont, \$50.80; Houcktown, \$8; Rawson, \$2; Sidney, \$11.		Total, \$171.32.
LIMA DISTRICT.—Delphos, \$9.30; Circle, 75 cents; Herring, \$2; Lima:		

Trinity, \$53.50; Mendon, \$9; Mercer, \$5.72; Middlepoint: Grace Church, \$5.75; St. Mary's, \$25.50; Spencerville, \$1.65; Van Wert, \$10; Band, \$1; Wapakoneta, \$18. Total, \$142.17.

TOLEDO DISTRICT.—Bowling Green, \$57.50; Circle, \$3.50; Band, \$2.50; Gibsonburg, \$46.25; Oak Harbor, \$9.50; Richfield Center: Farley Church, \$5.50; Tinney: Mt. Zion Church, \$35; Toledo: Albany Street, \$10; Broadway, \$21; Epworth, \$19.75; St. Paul, \$128.37; Band, \$1.50. Total, \$340.37.
From Conference, \$31. Total, \$31.

Total General Fund, \$1,207.16.

Special General Fund.—*Missionaries' Salaries.*—Ayersville, \$2; Bryan, \$5; Defiance, \$41.97; Delaware: William Street, \$70.42 (for Miss Elliott, King Home); Delphos, \$11.48; Circle, \$1.50; Findlay: First Church, \$6; Fremont, \$5; Herring, \$1; Houcktown, \$11.65; Lima: Trinity, \$20; Middlepoint: Grace Church, \$3.75; Toledo: Albany Street, 70 cents; St. Paul, \$12.23 (Miss Elliott's salary). Total, \$192.70.

Emergency Fund.—Ada, \$5; Anna, \$5; Bellefontaine, \$37.69; Bowling Green, \$20; Carey, \$5; Defiance, \$25; De Graff, \$5; Delaware: William Street, \$30; Junior League, \$5; Fremont, Circle, \$10; Gibsonburg, \$15; Herring, \$5; Sidney, \$50; Toledo: Broadway, \$10; Epworth, \$10; West Mansfield: Bethel Church, \$5. Total, \$242.69.

Total Special General Fund, \$435.39.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Haven Home.*—Toledo: St. Paul, Circle, \$40.

Total, \$40.

Ritter Home.—Bellefontaine, \$5; Findlay: First Church, \$2.20; Lima: Trinity, \$10.50; Ottawa, \$8.50; Wapakoneta, \$15. Total, \$41.20.

Stickney Home.—Fremont, \$15. Total, \$15.

Total Beneficiary Funds, \$96.20.

Special Fund.—Asheville: Anna, \$10; Antwerp, 50 cents; Bellefontaine, \$25; Bowling Green, \$21.40; Carey, \$10; De Graff, \$20; Delaware: William Street, \$5; Findlay: First Church, \$23; Fostoria, \$15; Fremont, \$10; Gibsonburg, \$25; Lima: Trinity, \$25; Marysville, \$22.50; Mendon, \$5; Ottawa, \$30; Pioneer, \$20; Quincy, \$10; Sidney, \$20; Toledo: Broadway, \$15; St. Paul, \$50. Total, \$362.40.

Jesse Lee Home.—Fostoria, \$15; Toledo: St. Paul, \$20. Total, \$35.

Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school.—Fremont, \$5; Circle, \$1; Band, \$1; Herring, \$3; Lima: Trinity, \$5; Toledo: St. Paul, \$10; Van Wert Band, \$5. Total, \$30.

Marcy Home.—Delaware: William Street, \$5. Total, \$5.

Mothers' Jewels Home.—Toledo: St. Paul, \$18.50. Total, \$18.50.

Ritter Home.—Delphos, \$5; Herring, \$5; Lima: Trinity, \$20; Ottawa, \$9. Total, \$39.

Stickney Home.—Delaware: William Street, \$5. Total, \$5.

Total Special Fund, \$494.90.

Grand total, 2,233.65.

Central Pennsylvania Conference.

MISS L. MINNIE HURSH, Treasurer, 212 North Second Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

To General Fund.—ALTOONA DISTRICT.—Altoona: Eighth Avenue, \$50.50; First Church, \$16.50; Beech Creek, \$10.25; Bellefonte, \$39.50; Hollidaysburg, \$9.10; Houtzdale, \$1.00. Total, \$129.85.

DANVILLE DISTRICT.—Ashland, \$11.43; Berwick, \$28.25; Hamline, \$7;

Hazleton, \$19.25; Mountain Grove Camp, \$10; Mount Carmel, \$18.56; Shamokin: First Church, \$30; Sunbury, \$30; Queen Esther's Circle, \$2.50; Townhill, \$6.25. Total, \$163.24.

HARRISBURG DISTRICT.—Carlisle, \$24.25; Chambersburg, \$29; Harrisburg: Grace, \$87.75; Ridge Avenue, \$22.25; Band, \$5; Thirteenth Street, \$15.25. Total, \$183.50.

JUNIATA DISTRICT.—Lewistown, \$13.25; Mt. Union, \$12.25. Total, \$25.50.

WILLIAMSPORT DISTRICT.—Jersey Shore, \$25.50; Circle, \$2.50; Lock Haven, \$29.50; Milton, \$19; Williamsport: Fourth Street, \$2.25; Grace, \$21.50; Circle, \$3.75; High Street, \$6.75; Mulberry Street, \$48; Queen Esther's Circle, \$13; Pine Street, \$59.50; Third Street, \$21. Total, \$252.25.

Mothers' Jewels.—Altoona, \$1; Bedford, \$4.30; Berwick, \$8; Carlisle, \$5.20; Emporium, \$3; Harrisburg: Grace, \$12; Thirteenth Street, \$15.30; Lewistown, \$2; Newberry, \$6; Sunbury, \$8; Williamsport: Grace, \$2.50; Mulberry Street, \$1.80; Pine Street, \$5. Total, \$74.10.

Vouchers from organizers, \$30. Total, \$30.
Leaflet Fund, \$3.75. Total, \$3.75.

Total to General Fund, \$862.19.

To Special General Fund.—To Emergency Fund.—Altoona: Eighth Avenue, \$16; First Church, \$1; Berwick, \$22; Carlisle, \$10; Clearfield, \$13; Curwensville, \$6; Danville, \$5; Harrisburg: Grace, \$70; Thirteenth Street, \$10; Jersey Shore, \$1; Lemont, \$5; Lewiston, \$15; McKee's Gap, \$2; Mill Hall, \$1; Montandon, \$5; Newport, \$5; Phillipsburg, \$5; Sunbury, \$5; Wallacetown, \$1; Williamsport: Grace, \$5; Mulberry Street, \$24; Queen Esther's Circle, \$8; Pine Street, \$15. Total, \$250.

To Teacher's Salary.—To Miss Mathews.—Berwick, \$10. Total, \$10.

To Miss Sowle.—Berwick, \$6; Chambersburg, \$2.50; Harrisburg: Grace, \$5; Jersey Shore, \$5; Sunbury, \$5; Williamsport: Grace, \$5; Mulberry Street, \$11.50; Pine Street, \$10. Total, \$50.

To Miss Tripp.—Altoona: Eighth Avenue, \$5; Berwick, \$10; Carlisle, \$5; Chambersburg, \$5; Harrisburg: Ridge Avenue, \$5; Hazleton, \$6.60; Lewistown, \$5; Lock Haven, \$5; Mountain Grove Camp, \$20; Shamokin, \$5; Williamsport: Grace, \$5; Mulberry Street, \$20; Pine Street, \$5. Total, \$101.60.

Total to Special General Fund, \$411.60.

Beneficiary Fund.—Mite-boxes.—Altoona: Eighth Avenue, \$11.90; Bedford, \$2.25; Berwick, \$15.86; Beech Creek, \$2; Bloomsburg, \$1; Carlisle, \$4.70; Cassville, \$1; Chambersburg, \$4.50; Harrisburg: Grace, \$41.15; Ridge Avenue, \$3.10; Band, \$6; Thirteenth Street, \$4.70; Hazleton: St. Paul, \$10.21; Jersey Shore, \$12.36; Lemont, \$5; Lewistown, \$2; Lock Haven: Trinity, \$11.50; Mount Union, \$2.26; Milton, \$2.62; Phillipsburg, \$7; Renova, \$1.50; Royer, \$1; Sunbury, \$11.31; Williamsport: Grace, \$1.25; High Street, \$6.85; Mulberry Street, \$21; Pine Street, \$16.56; Third Street, \$4.42. Total, \$215.

Of the above amount, \$50 is for support of Florence Loar in Mothers' Jewels Home; \$50 for Isaac Watts in Stickney Home; \$100 for Jesse Lee Home, and \$15 for Chinese girl in San Francisco.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school.—Altoona: Eighth Avenue, \$20; Berwick, \$10; Lock Haven, \$5; Sunbury, \$5; Williamsport: Mulberry Street, Queen Esther's Circle, \$5; Pine Street, \$2. Total, \$47.

To Ritter Home.—Harrisburg: Grace, \$3.75; Hollidaysburg, \$40.50; Sunbury, \$5. Total, \$49.25.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$311.25.

Special Fund.—*To Asheville.*—Received by voucher, Berwick, \$15; Milton, \$5; Williamsport: Mulberry Street, Queen Esther's Circle, \$5.

Total, \$25.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Home.—Altoona: First Church, \$2; Carlisle, \$5; Harrisburg: Grace, \$2; Shamokin, \$7; Sunbury, 50 cents; Williamsport: Grace, \$10; Mulberry Street, \$27; Queen Esther's Circle, \$15; Third Street, \$5; by voucher for flag-pole, \$17.63.

Total, \$91.13.

The above sums to be used as follows: For beneficiary, \$65; for furnishing annex, \$8.50; for flag-pole, \$17.63.

To Jesse Lee Home Building.—Harrisburg: Grace, \$10; Williamsport, \$2.53.

Total, \$12.53.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Sunbury, for memorial windows, \$10.

Total, \$10.

To Ritter Home.—Williamsport: Young Ladies' Circle, for cot, \$2.50.

Total, \$2.50.

Total to Special Fund, \$141.16.

Graud total, 1,726.20.

Local Work, 565.40.

Cincinnati Conference.

MRS. J. G. R. WRIGHT, Treasurer, 25 Highland Avenue, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, O.

General Fund.—CINCINNATI DISTRICT.—Carthage, \$21.25; Band, \$1.25; Cincinnati: Asbury, \$10; Avondale, \$35; Christie, \$25; Clifton, \$6; Cumminsville, \$22; Mt. Auburn, \$16; Mt. Lookout, \$33; Band, \$2.40; Price Hill, \$9.25; St. Paul, \$37; Trinity, \$11; Circle, \$6; Walnut Hills, \$87; Circle, \$7; Band, \$2.50; York Street, \$19; Delhi, \$16.75; Hartwell, \$40; Band, \$4.60; Norwood: Grace Church, \$37; Pleasant Ridge, \$11; Red Bank, \$5; Venice, \$2; Winton Place, \$32.95.

Total, \$499.95.

DAYTON DISTRICT.—Brookville, \$11.25; Dayton: Broadway, \$21; Grace, \$55.50; Raper, \$47; Circle, \$13.50; St. Paul's, \$31; Circle, \$7; Eaton, \$23.50; Miamisburg, \$32.50; Middletown: Broadway, \$36.80; Circle, 50 cents; Monroe, \$1; Oxford, \$17; Springboro, \$14.25.

Total, \$311.80.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.—Milford, \$16.

Total, \$16.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.—Greenfield, \$28.50; Hillsboro, \$35.50; Leesburg, \$21; Xenia: First Church, \$40.74; Band, \$5; Trinity, \$50.

Total, \$180.74.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.—King's Creek, \$1; Mechanicsburg, \$17.25; Piqua: Grace, \$10; Greene Street, \$72; Springfield: Central, \$34; Circle, \$4; Clifton Avenue, \$7; High Street, \$96.25; Circle, \$6; St. Paul, \$32; South Charleston, \$4; Troy: Mulberry Street, \$67.65; Urbana: First Church, \$39; Band, \$4; Grace, \$23; Book-room, \$1.

Total, \$418.15.

Mothers' Jewels, \$78.95.

Total, \$78.95.

Mile-boxes, \$24.41.

Total, \$24.41.

Leaflet Fund, \$1.05.

Total, \$1.05.

Advertisements in "Home Missions," by voucher, \$152.

Total, \$152.

Total to General Fund, \$1,683.05.

Special General Fund.—Cincinnati: Avondale, \$3.25; Dayton: Grace, Miss Dole's salary, \$20; Hillsboro, \$16; Troy, Miss Penfield's salary, \$10; Winton Place, \$5.

Total, \$54.25.

Emergency Fund.—Carthage, \$5; Cincinnati: Avondale, \$70; Christie, \$25; Clifton, \$10; Mt. Auburn, \$7; Mt. Lookout, \$10; St. Paul, \$16; Trinity, \$20; Walnut Hills, \$147.55; Circle, \$10; York Street, \$10; Dayton: Broadway, \$10; Grace, \$10; Raper, \$15; Eaton, \$5; Hartwell, \$5; Hillsboro,

\$5; Loveland, \$5; Middletown: Circle, \$5.72; Milford, \$5; Norwood: Grace, \$10; Piqua: Grace, \$5; South Charleston, \$5; Springboro, \$5; Springfield: High Street, \$20; Troy, \$5; Xenia: Trinity, \$15; Conference Treasurer, \$10. Total, \$471.27.

Total to Special General Fund, \$525.52.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Boylan Home.*—Mt. Auburn, \$22.65; Price Hill, \$20. Total, \$42.65.
Haven Home.—Walnut Hills, \$20; Circle, \$20. Total, \$40.
Jesse Lee Home.—Cincinnati: Walnut Hills, Circle, \$50. Total, \$50.
New Jersey Home.—Cincinnati: Trinity, \$25. Total, \$25.
Ritter Home.—Xenia: Trinity, \$20. Total, \$20.
Simpson Home.—Dayton: Raper, \$15; Circle, \$25; Urbana: First Church, Circle, \$10; Winton Place, \$20. Total, \$70.
Stickney Home.—Xenia: First Church, \$30; Circle, \$8; Trinity, \$20. Total, \$58.

Total Beneficiary Funds, \$305.65.

Special Fund.—Conference, \$44.50; Brookville, \$2; Carthage, \$2.50; Dayton: Broadway, \$7; Grace, \$5; Raper, \$5; Circle, \$2; St. Paul, \$3.93; Eaton, \$2; Miamisburg, \$2; Leesburg, \$3; Red Bank, \$1; Springboro, \$3; Springfield: Central, \$5.75; High Street, \$2; Troy, \$5; Urbana: First Church, \$5; Grace, \$4; Winton Place, \$5; Cincinnati: Avondale, \$5.35; Cumminsville, \$2.50; Mt. Auburn, \$5; Trinity, \$5; Walnut Hills, \$45. Total, \$172.53.

Of the above amounts, Asheville has \$79.68; Alaska, \$4.50; Bennett, \$5; Navajoes, \$20; Oriental work, \$23.35; Utah, \$20; Watts de Peyster, \$20.

Glenn Home.—Conference vouchers, \$1,557.40; Cincinnati: Mt. Auburn, \$2.97; St. Paul, \$2.25; Trinity, \$5.81; Circle, \$9.33; Walnut Hills, \$35.07; Norwood: Grace, \$8; Winton Place, \$33.91; Dayton: Broadway, \$10.67; St. Paul's, \$4; Eaton, \$1.56; Hillsboro, \$1.50; Miamisburg, \$6; Troy, \$5.50; Urbana: First Church, \$4. Total, \$1,687.97.

Jesse Lee Home.—Dayton: St. Paul, 94 cents; Oxford, \$1.50; Springfield: Central Church, \$1.25. Total, \$3.69.

Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school.—Cincinnati: St. Paul, voucher, \$5; Dayton: Grace, \$5; Raper, \$5; St. Paul's, \$3.13; Middletown: Broadway, \$1; Oxford, \$1.50; Springfield: Central, \$2.50; High Street, \$4; St. Paul, \$4; Urbana: First Church, \$2. Total, \$33.13.

Rest Home.—Cincinnati: Walnut Hills, \$3. Total, \$3.

Loan Fund.—Dayton: Raper, \$2. Total, \$2.

Total to Special Fund, \$1,902.32.

Grand total, 4,416.54.

Colorado Conference.

MRS. D. K. LEE, Treasurer, 1763 William Street, Denver, Colorado.

General Fund.—DENVER DISTRICT.—Denver: Asbury, \$23.20; Circle, \$7; Christ Church, \$40; Fifth Avenue, \$14; Grace, \$30.25; Littleton, \$1.80; St. James, \$4; Simpson, \$9; Trinity, \$34.50; University Park, \$17.65; Wheat Ridge, \$19. Total, \$200.40.

GREELEY DISTRICT.—Greeley, \$18.25; Sterling and Atwood, \$53; Wray, \$5. Total, \$76.25.

PUEBLO DISTRICT.—Colorado Springs, \$37; Pueblo: Broadway, \$34.75; First Church, \$12. Total, \$83.75.

SALIDA DISTRICT.—Carson City, \$11.75; Delta, \$14.25; Grand Junction, \$8.10; Salida, \$6.25. Total, \$40.35.

Mothers' Jewels, \$2.85. Total, \$2.85.

Mite-boxes, voucher, \$18.94. Total, \$18.94.

Total General Fund, \$422.54.

Special General Fund.—*Emergency Fund.*—Delta, \$7.25; Denver: Asbury, \$5; Christ Church, \$5; University Park, \$5.25; Trinity, \$10; Florence, \$15; Pueblo: Broadway, \$5; First Church, \$5; Conference Auxiliary, \$5; From Conference Treasurer, \$10.

Total Special General Fund, \$72.50.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Alaska.*—Pueblo; Michigan Street, \$20.

Total, \$20.

King Home.—Denver: Afro-American Band, voucher, \$25.

Total, \$25.

Mothers' Jewels Home.—Central Springs, \$10; Denver: Christ Church, \$5; Vouchers, \$18.65. Total, \$33.65.

Total Beneficiary Funds, \$78.65.

Special Fund.—*To Dulce.*—Denver: Asbury, \$2; Fifth Avenue, \$6.75; Grace, \$10.72; University Park, \$10.70; First Church, \$5; Without special credits, \$9.83; from Conference Treasurer, \$10. Total, \$55.

Harwood Home.—By voucher, \$164.44. Total, \$164.44.

Jesse Lee Home.—Pueblo: Broadway, \$25. Total, \$25.

Total Special Fund, \$244.44.

Grand total, \$18.13.

Columbia River Conference.

MRS. EMMA M. WOOD, Treasurer, The Dalles, Oregon.

General Fund.—*Walla Walla District.*—Milton, \$4.75; Pasco, \$1; Pendleton, \$3; Walla Walla, \$7.25; Without special credits, \$54.25.

Total General Fund, \$70.25.

Grand total, 70.25.

Des Moines Conference.

MRS. E. M. HOLMES, Treasurer, Boone, Iowa.

General Fund.—**BOONE DISTRICT.**—Bethel Church, \$11.25; Carroll, \$20; Collins, \$2; Dallas Center, \$16.25; Grand Junction, \$13.10; Collection, \$1.59; Jefferson, \$15.50; Mt. Horeb, \$2.50. Total, \$82.19.

CRESTON DISTRICT.—Elliott, \$8. Total, \$8.

COUNCIL BLUFFS DISTRICT.—Missouri Valley, \$3. Total, \$3.

DES MOINES DISTRICT.—Des Moines: Capital Park, \$6; First Church, \$28.75; Wesley, \$20.38; Indianola, \$1. Total, \$56.13.

Mite-boxes, \$8.11; Conference gatherings, \$27.88; *Mothers' Jewels*, 20 cents. Total, \$36.19.

Total General Fund, \$185.51.

Special General Fund.—*Emergency Fund.*—Des Moines: First Church, \$15; Grand Junction, \$10; Jefferson, \$5.25; Westerville, \$1.

Total Special General Fund, \$31.25.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Oriental Work, San Francisco.*—Carroll, \$1; Des Moines: Capital Park, \$2.20; First Church, \$1; Dallas Center, \$9.70;

Elliott, \$1; Grand Junction, \$4; Jefferson, \$3.55; Missouri Valley, \$2; Mrs. Kate Creager, \$2.

Total Beneficiary Fund, \$26.45.

Special Fund.—*Deaconess Home, Des Moines.*—Des Moines: Capital Park, \$3; First Church, \$5; Grand Junction and Norwalk, \$3.26; Wesley, \$4.25; Conference, by voucher, \$112.80. Total, \$128.31.

Mothers' Jewels Home.—Collected by Mrs. Alice Warner.

ATLANTIC DISTRICT.—Audubon, \$37.45; Anderson Circuit, \$16.11; Exira, \$21.25; De Soto, \$23.70; Carson, \$11.15; Henderson, \$26.80; Wyota, \$4. Total, \$140.46.

BOONE DISTRICT.—Conference, \$11.75; Boone: Marion Street, \$12.85; Bayard, \$41.95; Bonton, \$31.85; Cambridge, \$12.25; Coons Rapids, \$23.73; Dallas Center, \$28; Dedham, \$34.10; Grand Junction, \$27; Jefferson, \$34.35; Henderson, \$5.85; Manning, \$10.35; Minburn, \$24; Ogden, \$6; Perry, \$9.80; Scranton, \$53.10; Woodward, \$39.80; Yale, \$7.05. Total, \$413.78.

COUNCIL BLUFFS DISTRICT.—Anderson, \$3.50; Coin, \$39.40; Farragut, \$10.85; Glenwood, \$7.10; Hamburg, \$7.35; Hillsdale, \$15.25; Randolph, \$17.05; Farmer City, \$11. Total, \$111.50.

CANTON DISTRICT.—Red Oak, \$18.37. Total, \$18.37.

CHARITON DISTRICT.—Diagonal, \$21.65. Total, \$21.65.

Total Special Fund, \$834.07.

Grand total, 1,077.28.

Detroit Conference.

MRS. C. H. MORGAN, Treasurer, Vassar, Mich.

General Fund.—REPORTED BY DISTRICTS.—Adrian, \$367.89; Bay City, \$198.04; Detroit, \$624.13; Southfield, \$2; Flint, \$330.70; Lake Superior, \$68.45; Port Huron, \$140.77; Saginaw, \$208.53; Thank-offerings, \$4.14; Aged Ladies' Home, Detroit, 75 cents; Conference for Annual Reports, \$15; Mothers' Jewels, \$21.22. Total, \$1,951.62.

Expended in Districts in the Conference, \$385.73. Total, \$385.73.

Total General Fund, \$2,367.35.

Of the above amount, \$817.61 was received by voucher.

Special General Fund.—BY DISTRICTS.—Detroit, \$3; Flint, \$5; Saginaw, \$1. Total, \$9.

Emergency Fund.—Adrian, \$25; Ann Arbor, \$35; Mrs. Phœbe Beal, \$5; Clayton, \$5; Crosswell, \$5; Detroit, \$5; Cass Avenue, \$55 (\$20 to be used on salary at Ritter Home); Mrs. Ninde, \$5; Central Avenue, \$30; Haven, \$5; Hudson Avenue, \$5; Lincoln Avenue, \$3.50; Palmer Memorial, \$5; Preston, \$5; Simpson, \$10; Tabernacle, \$5; Wyandotte, \$5; Grayling, \$5; Milford, \$11; Fenton, \$5; Flint District, \$5; Northville, \$5; Rollin Center, \$10; Vassar, \$8; West Bay City, \$10; West Bloomfield, \$10; Ypsilanti, \$39.50. Total, \$320.

Total Special General Fund, \$329.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Harwood Home.*—Mrs. Geo. O. Robinson, \$5.

Total, \$5.

Mothers' Jewels Home.—Detroit: Cass Avenue, \$65; Preston, \$17.64; Lincoln Avenue, \$6.85. (All received by voucher.) Total, \$89.49.

Peck Home.—Flushing, \$5. Total, \$5.

Ritter Home.—Detroit: Cass Avenue, \$20. Total, \$20.

Total Beneficiary Fund, \$119.49.

Special Fund.—*Asheville.*—Detroit: Cass Avenue, \$7; Central Avenue, \$10; Haven, \$2; Lincoln, \$2; Tabernacle, \$1; Bay City: Madison Avenue, \$10; West Bay City, \$5. Total, \$37.

Deaconess Home, Detroit.—Detroit District, \$477.73; Detroit: Cass Avenue, \$127.85; Central, \$87; Lincoln Avenue, \$3; Preston, \$25; Simpson, \$13.55; Haven, \$1; Plymouth, \$20.87; George O. Robinson, traveling expenses of Miss McLennan, \$50; Reported without special credits, \$858.22. (All received by voucher.) Total, \$1,664.22.

Deaconess Rest Home.—Mrs. George O. Robinson, \$10; Bishop Ninde, \$3. (Vouchers.) Total, \$13.

FRONTIER WORK.—Adrian, \$27.68; Ann Arbor, \$27; Armada, \$15.05; Bay City: Madison Avenue, \$54.41; Detroit: Simpson, \$36.69; Detroit District, \$46.28; Lake Superior District, \$8; Napoleon, \$5; Saginaw: Jefferson Street, \$6.55; Saginaw District, \$19; West Bloomfield, \$43; Reported without special credits, \$89.22. (All received by voucher.) Total, \$1,137.88.

Haven Home.—Detroit: Simpson, \$9.60; Fenton, \$2. (Vouchers.) Total, \$11.60.

Loan Library, Detroit.—By DISTRICTS.—Adrian, \$18.03; Bay City, \$15.75; Detroit, \$12.30; Lake Superior, \$2.50; Port Huron, \$1; Saginaw, \$2; Conference, \$40.24. (All received by voucher.) Total, \$91.82.

Marcy Home.—Adrian, \$5; Saline: Circle, \$1.40. Total, \$6.40.

Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school.—Furnishing, \$10. Total, \$10.

Tillman Avenue Mission.—Conference, voucher, \$21.10. Total, \$21.10.

Total Special Fund, \$2,993.02.

Grand total, 5,808.86.

Local Work, 1,621.31.

East Maine Conference.

MRS. H. E. FOSS, Treasurer, Bangor, Maine.

General Fund.—BANGOR DISTRICT.—Bangor: First Church, \$1; Edmunds, \$1; North Penobscot, \$1. Total, \$3.

BUCKSPORT DISTRICT.—Bucksport, \$5.50; Mrs. P. S. Allen, toward life member, \$5; West Pembroke, \$1. Total, \$11.50.

CONFERENCE GATHERINGS, \$19. Total, \$19.

Total General Fund, \$33.50.

Grand total, 33.50.

East Ohio Conference.

MRS. E. K. ARTER, Treasurer, 1922 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

General Fund.—AKRON DISTRICT.—Akron: First Church, \$158.50; Bedford, \$17.75; Brimfield, bequest, \$50; Bristolville, \$20.50; Cleveland: Woodland Avenue, \$15; Scoville Avenue, \$12; Randolph, \$6.80; Warren, \$61.10. Total, \$341.65.

BARNESVILLE DISTRICT.—Barnesville, \$31.25; Bellaire, \$10.50. Total, \$41.75.

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT.—Cambridge, \$101.16; Dexter City, \$13.75; Macksburg, \$2.73; McConnellsville, \$27.25. Total, \$144.89.

CANTON DISTRICT.—Alliance, \$42; Canton: First Church, \$23; Massillon, \$23.25; Salem, Circle, \$30.75. Total, \$119.

CLEVELAND DISTRICT.—Cleveland: Asbury, \$10; Atwater, \$2.50; Broadway, \$5; Epworth, \$50; Euclid Avenue, \$32; Fairmount, \$17; First Church, \$38; Grace, \$16.70; Wade Park, \$22.75; Wilson Avenue, \$32.75; Woodland, \$12.83; Thompson, \$4; Geneva: First Church, \$33.25; Second

Church, \$7; Little Mountain, \$10.75; Mayfield, \$11; Mentor, \$7; North Madison, \$5; Painesville, \$21.36; Perry, \$19.50; Saybrook, \$3. Total, \$361.39.

NEW PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—Coshocton, \$26; Uhrichsville, \$18.50. Total, \$44.50.

STEUBENVILLE DISTRICT.—East Liverpool, \$25; Martin's Ferry, \$35.76; Mingo Junction, \$18; Steubenville: First Church, \$16; Hamline, \$25.25; Wellsville, \$32. Total, \$152.01.

YOUNGSTOWN DISTRICT.—Ashtabula, \$29.65; Amboy, \$6; Clark's Corners, \$7; Cortland, \$24.50; Conneaut, \$8; Circle, \$3.55; Dorset, \$16.25; Greene, \$6; Greensburg, \$22; Gustavus, \$7.25; Jefferson, \$22.25; Johnsonville, \$5.75; Kelloggsville, \$3; Band, \$2.25; Kingsville, \$16.50; Mesopotamia, \$5; West Mecca, \$4.75; Windsor, \$2. Total, \$191.70.

Leaflet Fund, \$1.75.

Total, \$1.75.

Mile-boxes, \$63.53.

Total, \$63.53.

Mothers' Jewels, \$14.40.

Total, \$14.40.

Total General Fund, \$1,476.57.

Special General Fund.—*Missionaries' Salaries.*—Akron: First Church, \$106.66; Cleveland: Euclid Avenue, \$5; Martin's Ferry, \$8.08; Mesopotamia, \$20; Philadelphia District, \$9; to Child's Paper, \$1.

Total, \$149.74.

Emergency Fund.—Akron: First Church, \$8; Alliance: First Church, \$5; Cambridge, \$34; Canton, \$5; Cleveland: Epworth, \$1; Euclid Avenue, \$5; Mrs. Arter, \$5; First Church, \$30; Wade Park, \$5; Dexter City, \$10; Geneva: First Church, \$4; Jefferson, \$8.15; Kingsville, \$5; Massillon, \$8.20; Martin's Ferry, \$2.70; Mayfield, \$10; Painesville, \$24.27; Salem, \$4.50; Circle, \$15; Jennie Strawn, \$5; Wellsville, \$5; without special credits, \$10. Total, \$209.82.

Total Special General Fund, \$359.56.

Beneficiary Fund.—*A. M. Smith Home.*—Dexter City, \$10; Steubenville, \$5. Total, \$15.

King Home.—Ashtabula, \$8.75; Dexter City, \$5; Dorset, \$3.

Total, \$16.75.

Albuquerque.—Jefferson, \$8.

Total, \$8.

Mothers' Jewels Home.—Salem Junior League, \$2.30.

Total, \$2.30.

New Jersey Home.—Cleveland: Broadway, Circle, \$22.50. Total, \$22.50.

Oriental Work, San Francisco.—Akron: First Church, \$28.75.

Total, \$28.75.

Peck Home.—Alliance: First Church, \$20; Canton: First Church, \$40; Uhrichsville, \$15; voucher, \$30. Total, \$105.

Ritter Home.—Dexter City, \$5; East Liverpool, \$10; Warren, \$15; Wellsville, \$40; Alice Izant, \$15. Total, \$85.

Stickney Home.—Salem, \$15.15; Circle, \$24.85.

Total, \$40.

Total Beneficiary Fund, \$323.30.

Special Fund.—*A. M. Smith Home.*—Cleveland: First Church, \$40.

Total, \$40.

Deaconess Home, Cleveland.—Conference vouchers, \$655.02.

Total, \$655.02.

Deaconess Fund.—Coshocton, \$8.

Total, \$8.

Frontier Work.—Alliance, voucher, \$2.50.

Total, \$2.50.

Jesse Lee Home.—Akron: First Church, \$50.

Total, \$50.

King Home.—Akron: First Church, \$50; Cleveland: Wade Park, \$10.

Total, \$60.

Mothers' Jewels Home.—Fairmount, \$10; Salem, \$10; Wade Park, \$10.
Total, \$30.

Total Special Fund, \$845.52.
Grand total, 3,004.95.

East Tennessee Conference.

MRS. CORA PROVINE, Treasurer, Bristol Tenn.

General Fund.—BRISTOL DISTRICT.—Lee Street, \$34.75; Tate, \$3.85.
Total, \$38.60.

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.—Chattanooga: Wiley Memorial, \$5. Total, \$5.

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.—Knoxville: Mabry Street Band, \$2; Boyd,
75 cents; Band, \$1; Bethel, \$7; Band, \$2.80. Total, \$13.55.

WYTHEVILLE DISTRICT.—Radford, \$3.50; Band, 50 cents; Pulaski, \$8;
Tiptop, \$1. Total, \$13.

Total General Fund, \$70.15.
Grand total, 70.15.

Erie Conference.

MRS. F. H. BECK, Treasurer, Brookville, Pennsylvania.

General Fund.—CLARION DISTRICT.—Brockwayville, \$4.75; Brookville,
\$28.55; Clarion, \$10.25; East Brady, \$21.35; Reynoldsville, \$9. Total, \$73.90.

ERIE DISTRICT.—Brockton, \$13; Chautauqua, \$20.75; East Spring-
field, \$9.50; Erie: First Church, \$55.50; Simpson Church, \$22.90; Forest-
ville, \$13; Fredonia, \$33.20; Mayville, \$13.50; Northeast, \$18.50; Portland,
\$14.25; Silver Creek, \$35.75; Wesleyville, \$1; Westfield, \$8. Total, \$258.85.

FRANKLIN DISTRICT.—Franklin, \$53.80; life member, \$10; Oil City:
Grace, \$38.50; Trinity, \$34; Petrolia, \$20.50; Reno, \$2; Tidioute, \$20.50;
Tionesta, \$16.75; Circle, \$2.62; Titusville, \$27. Total, \$225.67.

JAMESTOWN DISTRICT.—Cattaraugus, \$1; Corry, \$23.90; Circle, 40 cts.;
East Randolph, \$12.75; Jamestown, \$70; Circle, \$11; Kane, \$27; Panama,
\$25; Warren, \$44.75. Total, \$215.80.

MEADVILLE DISTRICT.—Cambridgeboro, \$20; Center Chapel, \$3.50;
Conneautville, \$8.65; Espyville, \$14; Circle, \$1; Greenville, \$29.50; Mead-
ville: First Church, \$35; State Street, \$2.25; Mill Village, Circle, \$8.20;
Spartansburg, \$2; Union City, \$28.46; Woodcock, \$16. Total, \$168.56.

NEW CASTLE DISTRICT.—Balm, \$5.50; Clarksville, \$1; Fredonia, \$4;
Grove City, \$22; Hillsville, \$16; Mt. Pleasant, \$3; New Castle: First
Church, \$25.30; Nazareth, \$2. Total, \$78.80.

Conference Gatherings, \$33.

Leaflet Fund, 25 cents.

Mile-boxes, \$16.71.

Mothers' Jewels, \$9.80.

Total General Fund, \$1,081.34.

Special General Fund.—Erie: First Church, \$19.04; Oil City:
Trinity, \$15; Warren, \$25; interest from Barbour bequest, \$9; Meadville:
First Church, \$5. Total, \$73.04.

Emergency Fund.—Cattaraugus, \$2; Chautauqua, \$16; Clarion, \$10;
East Springfield, \$15; Erie, \$5; Simpson, \$5; Mrs. B. A. Smith, \$5; Mrs.
Sullivan, \$5; Franklin, \$20; Grove City, \$5; Hillsville, \$25; Jamestown,
\$40; Kane, \$13.50; Mayville, \$1; Meadville: First Church, \$5; Oil City:
Grace Church, \$40; Trinity, \$5; Panama, \$5; Portland, \$1; Tidioute, \$5;
Tionesta, Circle, \$3.50; Epworth League, \$2; Synergians, \$5; Warren,
\$13.06; Circle, \$12.09; Westfield, \$1. Total, \$265.15.

Total Special General Fund, \$338.19.

Beneficiary Fund.—Dulce, a friend, \$5.

Total, \$5.

Jesse Lee Home.—Brockton, \$4; Brookville, \$4; Chautauqua, \$1; East Springfield, \$1; Erie: First Church, \$7; Simpson, \$2; East Brady, \$1.50; Corry, \$2.50; Franklin, \$3; Fredonia, \$5; Forestville, 25 cents; Jamestown, \$10; Kane, \$2.50; Mayville, 31 cents; Meadville; First Church, \$4.50; Northeast, \$4; Oil City: Grace, \$3.75; Panama, \$1; Petrolia, \$1; Portland, 50 cents; Silver Creek, \$4; Warren, \$50; Tidioute, 75 cents; Tionesta, \$2.

Total, \$115.56.

Mothers' Jewels Home.—Oil City: Trinity, \$50; Reno, Band, \$1.

Total, \$51.

Stickney Home.—Balm, \$4; Charlestown Epworth League, \$1; Clarks-ville, \$2; Grove City, \$5.02; Hillsville, \$7; New Castle: First Church, \$20; Oil City: Trinity, \$10; Kane, Primary Sunday-school, \$5.08; Tidioute, \$15; Nazareth, \$5.

Total, \$74.10.

Total Beneficiary Fund, \$245.66.

Special Fund.—Asheville: Brockton, \$6; Brookville, \$6; Cambridge-boro, \$7; Chautauqua, \$2; Clarion, \$10; Corry, \$7.50; East Brady, \$4.50; East Springfield, \$1.50; Erie: First Church, \$11; Simpson, \$2; Forestville, 75 cents; Franklin, \$9; Fredonia, \$10; Kane, \$7.50; Mayville, 94 cents; Meadville: First Church, \$13.50; Mill Village, \$3; Circle, \$1.50; Northeast, \$6; Oil City: Grace, \$11.25; Panama, \$3; Petrolia, \$3; Portland, \$1.50; Silver Creek, \$6; Spartansburg, \$2; Tidioute, \$2.25; Tionesta, \$4.50; Union City, \$7.

Total, \$150.19.

Deaconess Home, Pittsburg.—Oil City: Trinity, \$10.

Total, \$10.

Jesse Lee Home.—A friend, through Mrs. Beiler, \$150; Titusville, \$15; Circle, \$10.

Total, \$175.

Jewett, New Mexico.—Chautauqua, 10 cents.

Total, 10 cents.

Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school.—Reno, \$1.

Total, \$1.

E. E. Marcy Home.—Warren, \$5.

Total, \$5.

Peck Home.—Corry, \$5; Warren, Circle, \$20.

Total, \$25.

Total Special Fund, \$366.29.

Grand total, 2,031.48.

Local Work, 192.44.

Florida Conference.

MRS. W. J. SALMOND, Treasurer, Jacksonville, Fla.

General Fund.—GAINESVILLE DISTRICT.—Jonesville, \$1.75; Waldo, \$4.

Total, \$5.75.

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT.—Jacksonville: Boylan Home, \$3.90; Per-nandina, \$1.45; St. Augustine, \$6; Simpson Church, \$3.50; Wrightsville, \$1.90; through Mrs. Whetstone, voucher, \$45.60.

Total, \$62.35.

PALATKA DISTRICT.—Ocala, \$11.59.

Total, \$11.59.

Total General Fund, \$79.69.

Special Fund.—*Harwood Home.*—St. Nicholas, \$10, voucher.

Total Special Fund, \$10.00.

Grand total, 89.69.

Genessee Conference.

MRS. C. E. MILLSPAUGH, Treasurer, Albion, New York.

General Fund.—BUFFALO DISTRICT.—Buffalo: Asbury, \$43; Central Park, \$14; Delaware Avenue, \$54; Young Ladies' Branch, \$23.20; Grace, Circle, \$1.10; Hampshire Street, \$4.95; Kenmore, \$9.50; Linwood, \$62;

Circle, \$8; Plymouth, \$50; Richmond Avenue, \$50.95; Circle, \$1.50; River-side, \$31.50; St. Marks, \$10; Circle, \$8; Seneca Street, \$35.50; Sentinel, \$16; North Tonawanda, \$28. Total, \$451.20.

CORNING DISTRICT.—Addison, \$11.40; Bath, \$19; Canisteo, \$19.25; Corning, \$55; Hornellsville: Park Church, \$35; life-member, \$20; Wood-hull, \$8.50. Total, \$168.15.

GENESEE DISTRICT.—Batavia, \$60; Dansville, \$6.50; Geneseo, \$27.75; Perry, \$15.76; Scottsville, Band, \$3.05; Silver Springs, \$21; Warsaw, \$15. Total, \$149.06.

NIAGARA DISTRICT.—Albion, \$20; Brockport, \$22.50; Holley, \$12.50; Lockport: First Church, \$11; Lyndonville, \$5; Middleport, Circle, \$2.82; Spencerport, \$2.50. Total, \$76.32.

OLEAN DISTRICT.—Bradford: First Church, \$19.40; Olean: First Church, \$25.11; Pleasant Valley, \$17.75; Portville, \$9.30; Wellsville, \$11.75. Total, \$83.31.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT.—Honeoye Falls, \$30; Lima, \$24; Livonia Station, \$11; Rochester: Asbury, \$53; life-members, \$40; Circle, \$6; Cornhill, \$60.50; Epworth, \$33.20; First Church, \$48.25; Frank Street, \$50; Circle, \$4.75; Glenwood, \$37.50; Monroe Avenue, \$33.50; North Avenue, \$20; Springwater, \$36.55; Walworth, \$15.50. Total, \$503.75.

Conference Collections, \$13.12. Total, \$13.12.

Mothers' Jewels, \$9.17. Total, \$9.17.

Mite-boxes, \$34.20. Total, \$34.20.

Leaflet Fund, \$3. Total, \$3.

Total General Fund, \$1,491.28.

Special General Fund.—*Teachers' Salaries.*—Buffalo: Delaware Avenue, \$25; Lockport: First Church, \$1; Olean: First Church, \$1; Rochester: Epworth, \$5; First Church, \$13.25; Glenwood, \$9.61; Walworth, \$5. Total, \$59.86.

Emergency Fund.—Buffalo: Delaware Avenue, \$66; Cornhill, \$5; Plymouth, \$10; Junior League, \$10; Mrs. T. T. Rowe, \$5; Albion, \$5; a friend, \$2.50; Ruth Worthington, \$5; Rochester: Asbury, \$1; First Church, \$13.76; Frank Street, \$7.86; Glenwood, \$5; Monroe Avenue, \$5; Honeoye Falls, \$1; Lockport, 50 cents; Perry, \$1.30; Pleasant Valley, \$4.30. Total, \$148.22.

Total Special General Fund, \$208.08.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Asheville.*—Canisteo, \$10. Total, \$10.

Browning Home.—Silver Springs, \$40. Total, \$40.

Ritter Home.—Buffalo: Delaware Avenue, \$40; Corning, \$15; Rochester: Frank Street, Band, \$20. Total, \$75.

Stickney Home.—Bath, \$10; Corning, \$3. Total, \$13.

Total Beneficiary Fund, \$138.

Special Fund.—*Asheville.*—Buffalo: Asbury, \$5; Delaware Avenue, \$15; Linwood Avenue, \$5; Plymouth, \$5; Richmond Avenue, \$5; River-side, \$5; Sentinel, \$3; Albion, \$5; Batavia, \$5; Brockport, \$5; Middleport, \$2; North Tonawanda, \$5; Olean: Pleasant Valley, \$6.50; Rochester: Asbury, \$5; Cornhill, \$5; Epworth, \$3; First Church, \$10; Frank Street, \$5; Glenwood, \$33; Hampshire Street, \$2; Kenmore, \$2; Monroe Avenue, \$5; collections, \$2.73; Spencerport, \$2. Total, \$146.23.

Deaconess Home, Buffalo.—Conference, \$988.39; Brockport, 2; Churchville, \$13.52; Wilson, \$10. (All received by voucher.) Total, \$1,013.91.

To Jesse Lee Home.—Canisteo, \$5; Honeoye Falls, \$25; Geneseo, \$25; Lima, \$11. Total, \$66.

Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school.—Buffalo: Richmond Avenue, \$1; Rochester: Asbury, \$1; Walworth, \$1. Total, \$3.

Peck Home.—East Aurora, \$10. Total, \$10.

Total Special Fund, \$1,239.11.

Grand total, 3,076.50.

Local Work, 223.60.

Holston Conference.

MRS. ALTA A. HEAP, Treasurer, Knoxville, Tenn.

General Fund.—ATHENS DISTRICT.—Athens, \$18.50; Thank-offering, \$15; from sale of baking powder, \$6. Total, \$39.50.

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.—Knoxville: First Church, \$24.88; Asylum Street, \$3.75; Second Church, \$1.26; life-member, \$20; Conference, \$5.

Total, \$49.89.

Total General Fund, \$94.39.

Special General Fund.—*Emergency Fund.*—Young ladies at Ritter Home, \$45.

Total Special General Fund, \$45.00.

Special Fund.—Deaconess work in Knoxville, by voucher, \$653.58.

Total Special Fund, \$653.58.

Grand total, 792.97.

Local Work, 106.38.

Idaho Conference.

MRS. M. C. THOMPSON, Treasurer, Pocatello, Idaho.

General Fund.—Conference gatherings, through Curts & Jennings, \$8.

Total, \$8.

Total General Fund, \$8.

Illinois Conference.

MRS. SARA E. KING, Treasurer, 719 North Main Street, Decatur, Illinois.

General Fund.—BLOOMINGTON DISTRICT.—Bloomington: First Church, \$63.50; Grace, \$27; Band, 40 cents; Farmer's City, \$14; Leroy, \$13; Lincoln, \$22.50; Saybrook, \$11.25. Total, \$151.65.

CHAMPAIGN DISTRICT.—Champaign: First Church, \$14.74; Farmer's, \$4; Saybrook, \$7.50; Savoy, \$14.50; Tolona, \$2.25; Urbana, \$20.25.

Total, \$63.24.

DANVILLE DISTRICT.—Danville: First Church, \$24; Rossville, \$11.75; Sidney, \$15.75. Total, \$51.50.

DECATUR DISTRICT.—Decatur: First Church, \$32.78; Grace, \$29.75.

Total, \$62.53.

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT.—Greenfield, \$12; Jacksonville: Centenary, \$23; Grace, \$65; Manchester, \$5.71. Total, \$105.71.

MATTOON DISTRICT.—Carrollton, \$16.50; Paris: North Avenue, \$5.50.

Total, \$22.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.—Carlinville, \$30; Circle, \$3.50; Springfield: First Church, \$90.50; Band, \$4.49; Second Church, \$20. Total, \$148.49.

Leaflet Fund, \$25.28. Total, \$25.28.

Mothers' Jewels, \$1.75. Total, \$1.75.

Total General Fund, \$632 15.

Special General Fund.—Bloomington: Grace, \$28.40, Decatur: First Church, 87 cents; Grace, \$5; Savoy, \$1. Total, \$35.27.

Emergency Fund.—Bloomington: First Church, \$13; Grace, \$10; Carlinville, \$12; Champaign: First Church, \$5; Greenfield, \$5; Jacksonville: Centenary, \$5; Grace, \$17.75; Lincoln, \$10; Savoy, \$1.20; Springfield: First Church, \$32.54; Second Church, \$5; Circle, \$5; Urbana, \$25.83. Total, \$147.32.

Total to Special Fund, \$182.59.

Special Fund.—*Albuquerque.*—Decatur: First Church, \$5; Jacksonville: Grace, \$5; Springfield: First Church, \$24. Total, \$34.

Oriental Work.—Bloomington: First Church, \$5; Decatur: First Church, \$5; Grace, \$15; Jacksonville: Grace, \$5; Circle, \$10; Rossville, \$2; Saybrook, \$5; Springfield: First Church, \$5. Total, \$52.

Deaconess Home, Urbana.—Conference, \$241.96. (Vouchers.) Total, \$241.96.

Immigrant Home, New York.—Bloomington, \$10; Decatur: Grace, \$10; First Church, \$5; Jacksonville: Grace, \$13.75; Centenary, \$6; Rossville, \$5; Saybrook, \$5; Springfield: First Church, \$10; without special credits, \$3. Total, \$67.75.

Jesse Lee Home.—Jacksonville: Grace, \$5; Springfield: First Church, \$10. Total, \$15.

E. E. Marcy Home.—Bloomington: First Church, \$10; Decatur: First Church, \$5; Grace, \$10; Jacksonville: Centenary, \$2.10; Grace, \$6.25; Rossville, \$5; Saybrook, \$5; Springfield: First Church, \$10. Total, \$53.35.

Navajoes.—Springfield: First Church, \$45; Decatur: Grace, \$10. Total, \$55.

Stickney Home.—Jacksonville: Grace, \$5; Springfield: First Church, \$5. Total, \$10.

Utah.—Bloomington: First Church, \$5; Jacksonville: Grace, \$7.25; Saybrook, \$5; Springfield: First Church, \$10. Total, \$27.25.

Total Special Fund, \$556.31.

Grand total, 1,371.05.

Local Work, 59.58.

Indiana Conference.

CLARA S. CHAFEE, Treasurer, 379 Home Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

General Fund.—CONNERSVILLE DISTRICT.—Brookville, \$16; Connersville, \$84.80; College Corner, \$18.50; Robinson Chapel, \$9.25; Rushville, \$9. Total, \$137.55.

EAST INDIANAPOLIS DISTRICT.—Edinburg: Pisgah Church, \$3.25; Franklin, \$21.25; Indianapolis: Broad Ripple, \$4; Central Avenue, \$78.25; Edwin Ray, \$18.70; Hall Place, \$70.50; Greenwood, \$3; Lincoln Avenue, \$1; Roberts Park, \$40; Woodside, 75 cents; Mooresville, \$7.50; Shelbyville: First Church, \$41.25; Circle, \$9.50; West Street, \$14.50; Circle, \$2.50; West Shelbyville, \$3.50. Total, \$319.45.

WEST INDIANAPOLIS DISTRICT.—Mooreville, \$27.25. Total, \$27.25.

JEFFERSONVILLE DISTRICT.—Seymour, \$18.85. Total, \$18.85.

MOORES HILL DISTRICT.—Aurora, \$18.50; Greensburg: First Church, \$38.45; Lawrenceburg, \$29.75; Rising Sun, \$41; Vevay, \$5.25. Total, \$132.95.

Leaflet Fund, \$1. Total, \$1.

Mile-boxes, \$15.98. Total, \$15.98.

Total General Fund, \$653.03.

Special General Fund.—*Emergency Fund.*—Indianapolis: Central Avenue, \$5; Roberts Park, \$20; St. Paul's, \$5; Greensburg: First Church, \$5.
Total Special General Fund, \$35.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Bennett Home.*—Roberts Park, \$40. Total, \$40.
Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school.—Connersville, \$2.50; College Corner, \$1; Indianapolis: Central Avenue, \$1; Hall Place, \$1; Shelbyville, \$1.
Total, \$6.50.
Oriental Work, San Francisco.—College Corner, \$9; Shelbyville: First Church, \$5. Total, \$14.
Ritter Home.—Roberts Park, \$30; Lawrenceburg, \$3. Total, \$33.
Simpson Home.—Connersville, \$20. Total, \$20.

Total Beneficiary Fund, \$113.50.

Special Fund.—*Asheville.*—Brookville, \$5.50; College Corner, \$5; Connersville, \$47; Franklin, \$9.60; Greensburg: First Church, \$53; Indianapolis: Central Avenue, \$50; Edwin Ray, \$17; Hall Place, \$66; Lawrenceburg, \$10; Lincoln, \$1; Moores Hill, \$5; Robinson Chapel, \$3; Seymour, \$25; Shelbyville: First Church, \$44.40; West Street, \$5.75; Circle, \$10. Total, \$357.25.

Jesse Lee Home.—College Corner, 50 cents. Total, 50 cents.

Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school.—Roberts Park, \$1; Connersville, \$2.80. Total, \$3.80.

Oriental Work, San Francisco.—College Corner, \$1; Indianapolis District, \$5, voucher. Total, \$6.

Total Special Fund, \$367.55.

Grand total, 1,169.08.

Local Work, \$3.25.

Iowa Conference.

MRS. W. F. COWLES, Treasurer, 707 Summer Street, Burlington, Iowa.

General Fund.—BURLINGTON DISTRICT.—Burlington: First Church, \$27.75; Grace Church, \$17; Morning Sun, \$6.50; Mount Pleasant, \$39.85; Fort Madison, \$3.50; West Point, \$5.85. Total, \$100.45.

KEOKUK DISTRICT.—Chatham Square, \$5.50; Salina, \$3; gifts, \$3.

Total, \$11.50.

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.—Marengo, \$16.75; Muscatine: First Church, \$31; Nichols, \$2; North English, \$1; Oxford, \$2; Washington, \$54.80; Wellman, \$3; Williamsburg, \$7.50; Wilton Junction, \$18.75; West Liberty, \$2.75; other contributions, \$4.25. Total, \$143.80.

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.—Brooklyn, \$18.25; Grinnell, \$18; Montezuma, \$16.70; gift, \$1. Total, \$53.95.

OTTUMWA DISTRICT.—Albia, \$14; Fremont, \$4; Hedrick, \$6.25; Knoxville, \$26.75; Lovilla, \$11; Ottumwa: First Church, \$53; Sigourney, \$4; gifts, \$3. Total, \$122.

Collections by Mrs. Murphy.—Ft. Madison, \$3.82; Keokuk: Chatham Square, \$1.85; First Church, \$2.88. Total, \$8.55.

Leaflet Fund, 50 cents.

Total, 50 cents.

Mothers' Jewels, \$11.80.

Total, \$11.80.

Total General Fund, \$452.55.

Special General Fund.—*Collections by Mrs. Murphy.*—Albia, \$4.87; Lovilla, \$1; Sigourney, \$2.05; Ottumwa, \$5; other amounts, \$9. Total, \$21.92.

Emergency Fund.—Burlington: Grace Church, \$5; Knoxville, \$5; Muscatine: First Church, \$5; Montezuma, \$5; Ottumwa: First Church, \$5. Total, \$25.

Total Special General Fund, \$46.92.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Adeline Smith Home.*—Washington, \$60, voucher. Total, \$60.

Jesse Lee Home.—Montezuma, \$4.90; Marengo, \$10; Mount Pleasant, \$17; Muscatine, \$25; Ottumwa: First Church, \$20; Washington, \$25; Wellman, \$1; West Liberty, \$10; Wilton Junction, \$10.52; through Mrs. Murphy, \$1. Total, \$124.42.

Oriental Work, San Francisco.—Burlington: Grace, \$4.50; Grinnell, \$5; Knoxville, \$21; Sigourney, 50 cents; through Mrs. Murphy, 50 cents. Total, \$31.50.

Stickney Home.—Burlington: First Church, \$19; Grace, \$6.31; Mt. Pleasant, \$20. Total, \$45.31.

Utah.—Marengo, \$23.87; Wilton, \$6.98. Total, \$30.85.

Total Beneficiary Fund, \$292.08.

Special Fund.—*Deaconess Home, Des Moines.*—Burlington: First Church, \$5; Centerville, \$5; Grinnell, \$1.50; Montezuma, \$1; Mount Pleasant, \$1.50; Ottumwa: First Church, \$8; Washington, \$5; Wilton Junction, \$2.50. Total, \$29.50.

Harwood Home.—Through Mrs. Murphy, \$10. Total, \$10.

Jesse Lee Home.—Albia, \$10. Total, \$10.

Total Special Fund, \$49.50.

Grand total, \$341.05.

Kansas Conference.

MRS. ROBERT HAWTHORN, Treasurer, 929 Kansas Avenue, Atchison, Kans.

General Fund.—ATCHISON DISTRICT.—Atchison, \$29. Total, \$29.

JUNCTION CITY DISTRICT.—Abilene, \$10.25; Clay Center, \$3; Morganville, \$7. Total, \$20.25.

KANSAS CITY DISTRICT.—Argentine, \$15; Kansas City: Washington Avenue, \$32.75; Lawrence, \$20. Total, \$67.75.

MANHATTAN DISTRICT.—Buck's Grove, \$24.25; Centralia, \$14.25; Fancy Creek, \$3.50; Havensville, \$6.25; Manhattan, \$18.25. Total, \$66.50.

TOPEKA DISTRICT.—Burlingame, \$6.25; Topeka, \$36. Total, \$42.25.

Mrs. Jacobs, \$1. Total, 1.

Mite-boxes, \$10.55. Total, \$10.55.

Mothers' Jewels, \$1.50. Total, \$1.50.

Total to General Fund, \$238.80.

Special General Fund.—*Emergency Fund.*—Buck's Grove, \$11.50; Fancy Creek, \$3.47; Kansas City, \$5; Manhattan, \$15; Springside, \$1; Conference, \$20. Total, \$55.97.

Teacher's Salary.—Centralia, \$2.44. Total, \$2.44.

Total to Special General Fund, \$58.41.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Harwood Home.*—Buck's Grove, \$10; Manhattan, \$25; Topeka, \$50. Total, \$85.

Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school.—Buck's Grove, \$5; Centralia, \$5; Havensville, \$5; Kansas City: Washington Avenue, \$3.50. Total, \$18.50.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$103.50.

Special Fund.—*Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school.*—Atchison, \$5; Kansas City: Washington Avenue, \$6.50; Morganville, \$5; Topeka: First Church, \$10. Total, \$26.50.

Harwood Home.—Topeka: First Church, \$108.29. Total, \$108.29.

Total to Special Fund, \$134.79.

Grand total, 535.50.

Local Work, 46.80.

Kentucky Conference.

MRS. MORRIS ESKRIDGE, Treasurer, Hardinsburg, Ky.

General Fund.—LEXINGTON DISTRICT.—Lexington: Centenary, \$23.38. Total, \$23.38.
LOUISVILLE DISTRICT.—Hardinsburg: Taylor Chapel, \$8.80; Louisville: Trinity, \$45.50. Total, \$54.30.
Leaflet Fund, 25 cents. Total, 25 cents.
Total to General Fund, \$77.93.

Special General Fund.—*To Emergency Fund.*—Lexington: Centenary, \$5; Louisville: Trinity, \$25; Mrs. Fannie Speed, \$5; Mrs. Amos Shinkle, \$10. Total, \$45.
Total to Special General Fund, \$45.00.
Grand total, 122.93.
Local Work, 10.00.

Little Rock Conference.

MRS. E. L. JOHNSON, Treasurer, Little Rock, Arkansas.

General Fund.—FOREST CITY DISTRICT.—Cotton Plant, \$1. Total, \$1.
Total to General Fund, \$1.
Grand total, 1.

Louisiana Conference.

MRS. R. C. MONTGOMERY, Treasurer, 3621 S. Rampart St., New Orleans, La.

General Fund.—Bastrop, \$1.70; New Orleans: Mt. Zion, \$3.50; Wesley Chapel, \$5; Gideon Band, \$5; Winan Chapel, \$5.50; Conference Board, \$10; Missionary Union, \$16; without special credits, 32 cents. Total, \$47.02.

NOTE.—The Conference Treasurer sent to the General Treasury \$50.66, which came too late to appear in this report.

Special Fund.—*Peck Home*, \$5. Total, \$5.
Grand total, \$52.02.

Maine Conference.

MRS. J. LUCE, Treasurer, 13 Carroll Street, Portland, Maine.

General Fund.—AUGUSTA DISTRICT.—Augusta, \$11; East Livermore, \$1; East Wilton, \$2; Fairfield, \$5; Farmington, \$11; Gardiner, \$12; Mite-boxes, 50 cents; Hollowell, \$4.50; Kent's Hill, \$13; Livermore and Hartford, \$2; Monmouth, \$5; Philips, \$1; Readfield, \$10; Richmond, \$1; Skowhegan, \$13.25; Waterville, \$3; Wilton, \$19; Winthrop, life member, \$5; Mission Bands, \$2. Total, \$121.25.

LEWISTON DISTRICT.—Andover, \$1; Baldwin and Ham, \$1; Bath: Beacon Street, \$9; Wesley Chapel, \$22.15; Bethel and Mason, \$4; Cumberland and Falmouth, \$5; East North Yarmouth, \$2; Harpswell and Orrs Island, \$1; Lewiston, \$20; Lisbon and Lisbon Falls, \$1; Mechanic's Falls, \$4; North Auburn, \$1; North Yarmouth, \$3; Oxford and Welchville, \$1; Pownal and West Dunham, \$1; South Paris, \$2.50. Total, \$78.65.

PORTLAND DISTRICT.—Berwick, \$5; Cornish, \$1; Elliott, \$2; Gorham, \$10; Keaze Falls, \$1; Knightsville, \$1; North Street, \$1; Old Orchard, \$5.25; Peak's Island, \$1; Portland: Chestnut Street, \$50; Congress Street, \$27; Pine Street, \$22; South Portland, \$8.70; Saco, \$34; life members, \$40; Westbrook, \$11.75; Woodfords, \$11; York, \$2. Total, \$233.70.

Bequests and Gifts, \$614.84. Total, \$614.84.

Total General Fund, \$1,048.44.

Special General Fund.—*Salary.*—Hallowell, \$8.18; Saco, \$20.
Total, \$28.18.

Emergency Fund.—Kent's Hill, \$5; Saco, \$8; Skowhegan, \$7.50.
Total, \$20.50.

Total Special General Fund, \$48.68.

Beneficiary Fund.—*To Alaska.*—Portland: Chestnut Street, \$2.10;
Gorham, 50 cents. Total, \$2.60.

Bennett Home.—Kent's Hill, \$5. Total, \$5.

Chinese Work.—Bath: Wesley Church, \$8; Portland: Congress
Street, \$7. Total, \$15.

Mothers' Jewels Home.—Skowhegan, \$5.65. Total, \$5.65.

Simpson Home.—Augusta, \$1; Portland: Chestnut Street, \$1.
Total, \$2.

Thayer Home.—Lewiston, \$4; Portland: Congress Street, voucher, \$10.
Total, \$14.

Watts de Peyster.—Portland: Chestnut Street, \$10. Total, \$10.

Total Beneficiary Fund, \$54.25.

Special Fund.—*Jesse Lee Home.*—Gardner, 30 cents; Gorham, 50
cents; Farmington, \$4.20. Total, \$5.

Navajo.—Gardner, \$2.21; Kent's Hill, \$2; Skowhegan, 50 cents.
Total, \$4.71.

Utah.—Augusta, \$2; Portland: Congress Street, \$1; Madison, \$5;
Readfield, \$5; Skowhegan, \$2. Total, \$15.

Total Special Fund, \$24.71.

Grand total, 1,176.08.

Michigan Conference.

MRS. J. G. PLOWMAN, Treasurer, White Pigeon, Mich.

General Fund.—ALBION DISTRICT.—Albion, \$76; Circle, \$4.55; Battle
Creek, \$13.75; Bellevue, \$19.58; Eckford, \$9; Horner, \$21.50; Band, \$2.02;
Jackson, \$51; Kalamo, \$8.75; Parma, \$14.55. Total, \$220.70.

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT.—Big Rapids, \$18.25; Greenville, \$11.75;
Manistee, \$7.50; Shepherd, \$2. Total, \$39.50.

COLDWATER DISTRICT.—Coldwater, \$13.50; Hillsdale, \$15.75; Quincy,
\$19; Union City, \$5.75; White Pigeon, \$13.25. Total, \$67.25.

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT.—Grand Rapids: Ames Church, \$10; Divis-
ion Street, \$56.50; Guild, \$4; East Street, \$20; Guild, \$5.50; Joy Memorial,
\$9.50; Plainfield Avenue, \$3; Second Street, \$52; Hastings, \$25.75; Hes-
peria, \$1; Whitehall, \$12.05. Total, \$199.30.

GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT.—Charlevoix, \$10.75; Traverse City, \$15.35.
Total, \$26.10.

IONIA DISTRICT.—Carson City, \$11.50; Fair Plains, \$7.75; Ionia, \$21;
Ithaca, \$12; Lowell, \$21.25; Orange, \$18.75; Portland, \$26.75; Band, \$1.12.
Total, \$120.12.

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT.—Allegan, \$16.55; Ganges, \$3.25; Kalamazoo:
First Church, \$61.50; Simpson, \$20.12; Milo, \$5.75; Otsego, \$12.45; Plain-
well, \$22.50; Three Rivers, \$16.95; Trowbridge, \$13.95; Vicksburg, \$12.50;
West Casco, \$21.60. Total, \$207.12.

LANSING DISTRICT.—Charlotte, \$20; Lansing: First Church, \$14.50;
Central, \$45.05; Mason, \$16; Ovid, \$19; St. John's, \$15.75. Total, \$130.30.

NILES DISTRICT.—Benton Harbor, \$15.68; Coulter's Chapel, \$14.85;
Niles, \$9.50. Total, \$40.03.

Leaflet Fund, \$6.75. Total, \$6.75.

Miscellaneous, \$27.22. Total, \$27.22.

Bequest of Mrs. Gallup, \$574.14. Total, \$574.14.

Total General Fund, \$1,658.53.

Special General Fund.—*Missionaries' Salaries.*—Without special credits, \$179.90; Albion, \$5; Circle, \$5; Albion District, \$5; Benton Harbor, \$12.50; Big Rapids, \$8.50; Cold Water, \$7; Grand Rapids: Ames Church, \$2.50; Division Street, \$22; East Street, \$5; Joy Memorial, \$3; Greenville, \$5.50; Jackson, \$12; Hillsdale, \$3; Lowell, \$6; Niles, \$5; Quincy, \$5; Traverse City, \$10; White Pigeon, \$5; Conference Treasurer, \$5.

Total, \$311.90.

Emergency Fund.—Albion, \$20; Circle, \$10; Big Rapids, \$5; Cold Water, \$5; Grand Rapids: Division Street, \$1; Guild, \$10; Mrs. F. A. Hall, \$5; Grand Rapids District, \$31; Greenville, \$6; Jackson, \$5; Kalamazoo: First Church, \$28.75; Simpson, \$5; Manistee, \$6; Mason, \$5; Niles District, \$10; West Casco, \$5; Conference Treasurer, \$21.50.

Total, \$179.25.

Total Special General Fund, \$491.15.

Beneficiary Fund.—*E. L. Rust Home.*—Charlotte, \$5; Ithaca, \$3.50; Lansing: Central, \$10; Mason, \$5. Total, \$23.50.

Peck Home.—Kalamazoo: First Church, \$30; Three Rivers, \$10.

Total, \$40.

Ritter Home.—Albion, \$35; Circle, \$5; Battle Creek, \$10; Bellevue, \$7; Grand Rapids: Ames Church, \$3; Division Street, \$7; Guild, \$5; East Street, \$5; Joy Memorial, \$5; Hastings, \$10. Total, \$92.

Stickney Home.—Allegan, \$4; Battle Creek, \$3; Kalamazoo: Simpson Church, \$6; Milo, \$2.30; Otsego, \$8; Plainwell, \$9; Trowbridge, \$5; Vicksburg, \$3; West Casco, \$5. Total, \$45.30.

Total Beneficiary Fund, \$200.80.

Special Fund.—*Deaconess Home, Grand Rapids.*—Conference, \$307.37. (Vouchers.) Total, \$307.37.

Deaconess Work, Jackson, \$26, voucher. Total, \$26.

Mothers' Jewels Home.—West Casco, \$5. Total, \$5.

Total Special Fund, \$338.37.

Grand total, 2,688.85.

Minnesota and Minnesota Northern Conferences.

MRS. D. W. LONGFELLOW, Treasurer, 3112 First Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

General Fund.—MINNEAPOLIS DISTRICT.—Minneapolis: First Church, \$13.50; Foss, \$10; Franklin Avenue, \$21; Hennepin Avenue, \$22; Simpson, \$22.30; Trinity, \$7.25; Wesley, \$32; Western Avenue, \$8.70. Total, \$136.75.

ST. PAUL DISTRICT.—St. Paul: First Church, \$20.25; Hamline, \$10.25; Merriam Park, \$9.25; Trinity, \$10.25; Wesley, \$12; Conference Auxiliary, \$2.

Total, \$64.

Mite-boxes, \$4.70. Total, \$4.70.

Leaflet Fund, 25 cents. Total, 25 cents.

Mothers' Jewels, \$5.80. Total, \$5.80.

Total to General Fund, \$211.50.

Special General Fund.—Minneapolis: First Church, \$7.15; Franklin Avenue, \$5.42; Wesley, \$5. Total, \$17.57.

Emergency Fund.—Minneapolis: First Church, \$3.70; Hennepin Avenue, \$55; Wesley Church, \$5; Simpson, \$23; Western Avenue, \$6; Mrs. Roberts, \$5; St. Paul: Hamline, \$5; Merriam Park, \$5; Mrs. A. P. Dapson, \$2. Total, \$109.70.

Total to Special General Fund, \$127.27.

Beneficiary Fund.—*To Dulce, for J. A. Francisco.*—Minneapolis: Hennepin Avenue, \$40. Total, \$40.

Jesse Lee Home.—Minneapolis: Franklin Avenue, \$50; Simpson, \$50; St. Paul: Wesley, \$75. Total, \$175.

Ritter Home.—Minneapolis: Foss, \$40; Hennepin Avenue, \$40; for Maude Smith, \$40; Sunday-school Class, \$10; collected by Mrs. Chapman from various charges and reported by voucher, \$42.87; Owatonna, \$20; St. Paul: First Church, \$29.85; Hamline Church, \$40. Total, \$262.72.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$477.72.

Special Fund.—*Marcy Home.*—Minneapolis: Wesley Chapel, \$5. Total, \$5.

Total to Special Fund, \$5.00.

Grand total, \$21.49.

Missouri Conference.

MRS. PRICE A. CROW, Treasurer, Marceline, Missouri.

General Fund.—HANNIBAL DISTRICT.—Avalon, \$6.75; Bowling Green, \$1.30; Brookfield, \$3.75; Carrollton, \$1; Marceline, Circle, \$5; Mexico, Circle, \$2; Laddonia, \$1.35; Vandalia, \$5.75; Circle, \$3.75; Wakenda, Circle, 77 cents. Total, \$31.42.

KIRKSVILLE DISTRICT.—Kirksville, \$23.50; Memphis, \$5.95. Total, \$29.45.

ST. JOSEPH DISTRICT.—Bethany, \$1; Breckenridge, \$11; Hopkins, \$1; Lucerne, \$1; Martinsville, \$9.50; Rothville, \$1; Savannah, \$2; St. Joseph: First Church, \$9. Total, \$35.50.

Other Gifts.—Cameron, \$1; Pattonsburg, \$1; Tarkio, \$1; Stewartsville, \$1; Winston, \$1. Total, \$5.

Total General Fund, \$101.37.

Special General Fund.—Martinsville: Thank-offering, \$1.41; Emergency Fund, Mexico, \$5.

Total Special General Fund, \$6.41.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Mothers' Jewels Home.*—Kirksville, \$5.

Ritter Home.—St. Joseph, \$10. Total, \$5.
Total, \$10.

Total Beneficiary Fund, \$15.00.

Grand total, 122.78.

Local Work, 79.00.

Nebraska Conference.

MRS. F. M. ESTERBROOK, Treasurer, De Witt, Nebraska.

General Fund.—BEATRICE DISTRICT.—Beatrice: Centenary, \$31.75; Band, \$1.48; De Witt, \$8; Fairbury, \$11.75; Wymore, \$3.75; Band, 64 cents. Total, \$57.37.

HASTINGS DISTRICT.—Clay Center, \$4.50; Edgar, \$16; Fairfield, \$12.50; Fairmount, \$14.50; Geneva, \$28.35. Total, \$75.85.

LINCOLN DISTRICT.—Elmwood, \$14; Lincoln, \$17; St. Paul's, \$27; Trinity, \$21.50; Raymond, \$13; University Place, \$16.70; Valparaiso, \$4; Wahoo, \$1. Total, \$114.20.

NEBRASKA CITY DISTRICT.—Falls City, \$10; Osceola, \$8.10; Palmyra, \$10.50; Peru, \$14.25; Plattsmouth, \$3.50; Pleasant View, \$2.35; Sterling, \$2.50; Table Rock, \$12; Tecumseh, \$16; Weeping Water, \$11.

Total, \$90.20.

YORK DISTRICT.—Bellwood, \$14.55; Brainard, \$5; David City, \$19.50; Milford, 25 cents; Seward, \$2; Waco, \$12.50; York, \$17.25. Total, \$71.05.

SPECIAL COLLECTION from Beatrice: Centenary, \$5.75; without special credit, \$2.25. Total, \$8.

Total General Fund, \$416.67.

Special General Fund.—*Emergency Fund.*—University Place, \$5; York, \$15. Total, \$20.

Total Special General Fund, \$20.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Mothers' Jewels Home.*—Lincoln: St. Paul's, voucher, \$50. Total, \$50.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$50.

Special Fund.—*Mothers' Jewels Home.*—By voucher.—Cook, \$3.80; Lincoln: St. Paul's, \$5; Trinity, \$6.20; Nelson, 33 cents; Shelton, \$4.47; Weeping Water, \$6.50; mite-boxes from various Auxiliaries, \$10.77; through Conference Treasurer, \$55.27; through Mr. Spurlock, \$49.43.

Total, \$141.77.

Money collected by Mrs. Warner for water supply.—Bennett, \$13; Eagle, \$15.70; Swanton, \$20.95; Syracuse, \$25.05; Adams, \$13; Union, \$10.60; gift, \$2. Total, \$100.30.

Total Special Fund, \$242.07

Grand total, 728.74.

Local Work, 141.20.

Newark Conference.

MRS. CAROLINE M. BLAINE, Treasurer, 545 Orange St., Newark, N. J.

General Fund.—ELIZABETH DISTRICT.—Crawford, \$23; Elizabeth: Park Church, \$15.60; Circle, \$3.15; Plainfield: First Church, \$38.15; Circle, \$3.13; Grace Church, \$27; Circle, \$3.50; St. James, \$63.15; Circle, \$2.25; Westfield, \$40; Circle, \$19. Total, \$237.93.

JERSEY CITY DISTRICT.—Bayonne, \$1.84; Bergen Point, \$8.45; Jersey City: Centenary, \$12; West Side Avenue, \$38.25; Newton, \$7.50; Englewood, \$1. Total, \$69.04.

NEWARK DISTRICT.—Bloomfield: Park Church, \$33; East Orange Calvary, \$143.33; Christophorus Band, \$10.50; Golden Rule Band, \$7.07; First Church, \$25; Sanford Street, Junior League, \$2.33; Madison, \$21; Mont Clair, \$78.70; Morristown, \$118; Newark: Centenary, \$47; Circle, \$17.25; Central Church, \$29; Eighth Avenue, \$27.50; Halsey Street, \$68; Roseville, \$110.76; St. Luke's, \$39; St. Paul's, \$37; Trinity, \$18.90; Orange: First Church, \$35.50; Tabor, \$7. Total, \$875.84.

PATERSON DISTRICT.—Boonton, \$3; Circle, \$1; Newton, \$4.01; Paterson: Cross Street, \$20; Grace Church, \$25; Market Street, \$47; Washington, \$22. Total, \$122.01.

Mother's Jewels, \$19.40.

Leaflet Fund, \$7.93 + .50 = \$8.43.

Children's Paper, \$2.

Frontier Work.—Newark: Central Church, \$3; Crawford, \$34; East Orange: Calvary Church, \$22.79; Sanford, \$1.30; Conference gatherings, through Rev. A. M. Palmer, \$60. Total, \$121.09.

Total General Fund, \$1,455.74.

Special General Fund.—Mrs. Kent, \$20; Bloomfield, Circle, \$25; East Orange: Calvary, \$8; Jersey City: West Side, \$6; Mont Clair, \$20; Newark: St. Luke's, \$3.20; Roseville, \$5.50; Orange: First Church, \$10.

Total, \$97.70

Emergency Fund.—A friend, \$20; Crawford, \$5; Circle, \$3; Englewood, \$5; East Orange: Calvary Church, \$52.50; Circle, \$5; Sanford Street, Junior League, \$1.40; Elizabeth: St. James, \$5; Jersey City: Centenary, \$30; West Side Avenue, \$7; Madison, \$15; Morristown, \$10; Newark: Centenary, \$5; Halsey Street, \$10; Roseville, \$17.25; St. Luke's, \$5; Trinity, \$5; Junior League, \$5.50; Orange, \$5; Passaic, \$8; Paterson: Market Street, \$5; Cross Street, \$5; Plainfield: Grace, \$5; Westfield, Circle, \$2.

Total, \$236.65.

Total Special General Fund, \$334.35.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Boylan Home.*—Morristown, \$25; Newark: Central Church, \$10; Halsey Street, \$30; St. Luke's, \$100; Westfield, \$20. (Vouchers.) Total, \$185.

Harwood Home.—Dover, \$1; East Orange, Band, \$15; Elizabeth: Park Church, \$1.25; Jersey City: West Side Avenue, \$3.56; St. Paul, \$10; Mont Clair, \$12; Plainfield: First Church, \$9; St. James, \$5; Westfield, \$8.

Total, \$64.81.

Jesse Lee Home.—Newark: Centenary, \$55; Plainfield: First Church, \$10; Roseville, \$25. Total, \$90.

Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school.—East Orange: Calvary Church, Band, \$5; Englewood, \$5; Jersey City: Centenary, \$13; West Side Avenue, \$5; District meeting, \$4; Newark, St. Paul's, \$5; St. Luke's, \$10; Morristown, \$7.25; Plainfield: Grace, \$1. Total, \$55.25.

Mothers' Jewels Home.—Morristown, \$10. Total, \$10.

Oriental Work.—San Francisco, East Orange: Calvary, \$60. Total, \$60.

Watts de Peyster.—West Orange: Sanford, \$7.50; Elizabeth: St. James, \$40. Total, \$47.50.

Haven Home.—Mrs. F. E. Langstroth, \$20. Total, \$20.

Total Beneficiary Fund, \$532.56.

Special Fund.—*Albuquerque.*—East Orange: Calvary, Circle, \$20; Mont Clair, \$15. Total, \$35.

Asheville.—East Orange: Calvary, \$2.50; Mont Clair, \$5; Paterson: Market Street, \$25; Cross Street, \$2; Grace, \$5.50; Westfield, \$10. Total, \$50.

Harwood Home.—East Orange: Calvary, Band, \$15. Total, \$15.

Immigrant Home, New York.—East Orange, \$20.50; Elizabeth: St. James, \$4; Mont Clair, \$5; Newark: Halsey Street, \$25. Total, \$54.50.

Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school.—East Orange: Calvary, \$10; Elizabeth: St. James, \$5; Morristown, \$20.60; Newark: St. Paul's, \$10; Paterson: Grace, \$6.50; Westfield, \$5. Total, \$57.10.

Navajos.—Newark: Roseville, \$9.50; Junior League, \$10. Total, \$19.50.

Rest Home.—Conference, voucher, \$103.68; East Orange, \$10; Circle, \$31; Elizabeth: St. James, \$6; West Side Avenue, \$3; Morristown, \$1; Newton, \$3. Total, \$157.68.

Watts de Peyster.—East Orange: Sanford Street, Junior League, \$7.50; Elizabeth: St. James, \$16. Total, \$23.50.

Total Special Fund, \$412.28.

Grand total, 2,734.93.

Local Work, 766.20.

New England Conference.

MISS E. J. WEBSTER, Treasurer, 28 Greenwich Park, Boston, Mass.

General Fund.—BOSTON DISTRICT.—Boston, Baker Memorial, \$24.50; Bromfield Street, \$5; Winthrop Street, \$54; Circle, \$2.25; Brookline, \$26; Dorchester, \$34; Eggleston Square, \$10; Hyde Park, \$40; Jamaica Plain, \$13; Natick, \$15.25; Newton, \$15.50; Newton Center, \$21; Newtonville, \$15; People's Temple, \$45; Roslindale, \$20; St. John's, \$48.50; Spencer, \$5; Stanton Avenue, \$21; Temple Street, \$100; Tremont Street, \$82; Circle, \$1.50; Webster, \$10; Wollaston, \$5; Worcester, \$107.50. Total, \$721.

LYNN DISTRICT.—Asbury Grove, \$8; East Boston: Saratoga Street, \$56; Everett, \$22; Gloucester, \$32; Ipswich, \$15; Linden, \$13; Lynn: Common Street, \$77; Circle, \$8; Maple Street, \$6.56; St. Paul's, \$16; South Street, \$26; Malden, \$39; Belmont Street, \$26; bequest of Miss Haven, \$300; Malden Center, \$61; Marblehead, \$13; Melrose, \$51; Peabody, \$8; Salem, \$25.36; Stoneham, \$4; Winthrop, \$20. Total, \$826.92.

NORTH BOSTON DISTRICT, EASTERN DIVISION.—Ashburnham, \$8.41; Cambridge: Epworth, \$8.25; Grace, \$14; Harvard Street, \$50; Charlestown: Monument Square, \$21; Triunity, \$16; Gardner, \$7; Hudson, \$9.58; Lowell: St. Paul's, \$13; Somerville: Broadway, \$16; First Church, \$33; Flint Street, \$45; Park Avenue, \$34.50; Band, \$2.25; Waltham, \$13; Winchester, \$23. Total, \$313.99.

NORTH BOSTON DISTRICT, WESTERN DIVISION.—Athol, \$24.25; Clinton, \$17; Fitchburg, \$20.86; Leominster, \$11; West Fitchburg, \$21.35. Total, \$94.46.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.—Chicopee Falls, \$26.25; Mittineague, \$4.50; Northampton, \$10; Springfield, \$211; Westfield, \$75.59. Total, \$327.34.

Conference Gatherings, \$46. Total, \$46.

Leaflet Fund, \$2.35. Total, \$2.35.

Mothers' Jewels, \$54.83. Total, \$54.83.

Total General Fund, \$2,386.89.

Special General Fund.—Hyde Park, Mrs. James Mather, \$20.

Total, \$20.

Emergency Fund.—Auburndale, \$5; Boston: Brookline, \$15; Eggleston Square, \$5; Hyde Park, \$25; Temple Street, \$10; Tremont Street, \$45; St. John's, \$20; Winthrop Street, \$10; Dorchester, \$5; Cambridge: Epworth, \$5; Grace, \$5; Harvard Street, \$15; Chicopee Falls, \$12; East Boston, \$10; Meridian Street, \$4; Saratoga Street, \$15; Fitchburg, \$5; Gardner, \$5; Gloucester, \$5; Hudson, \$5; Lynn: Common Street, \$20; Malden, \$10; Belmont Street, \$5; Faulkner Street, \$10; Malden Center, \$5; Melrose, \$40; Newton, \$10; Newtonville, \$16; Little Gleaners, \$10; Roslindale, \$5; Somerville: Broadway, \$3; First Church, \$60; Flint Street, \$15; Park Avenue, \$16; Southbridge, \$10; Salem, Junior League, \$5; Watertown, \$5; Webster, \$10; Winchester, \$5; Woburn, \$5; Worcester, \$17; Winthrop, \$15; South Ashburnham, \$5; Springfield, \$20; Westfield, \$5.

Total, \$553.

Total Special General Fund, \$573.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Alaska.*—Boston: People's Temple, \$5.

Total, \$5.

Boylan Home.—Malden, \$40.

Total, \$40.

Browning Home.—Boston: Temple Street, \$5; Hyde Park, \$11.48;

Winthrop, \$30; Webster, \$5.

Total, \$51.48.

Haven Home.—Malden, \$25; Malden Center, \$25.

Total, \$50.

Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school.—Hudson, \$5 Melrose, \$20; Stanton Avenue, \$2; Winthrop Street, \$9; Worcester, \$5.

Total, \$41.

Oriental Work.—San Francisco: Newton Center, \$15. Total, \$15.
Ritter Home.—Boston: Temple Street, \$10; Tremont Street, Circle,
 \$40. Total, \$50.
Stickney Home.—Boston: Tremont Street, \$15; Cambridge: Grace, \$5;
 Harvard, \$10; Newton, \$5; Springfield, \$5. Total, \$40.
Thayer Home.—Springfield, \$25; Malden, \$50; Malden Center, \$60;
 Winthrop Street, \$40. Total, \$175.
Watts de Peyster.—Cambridge: Harvard Street, \$25; Grace, \$5; Mal-
 den, \$12; Salem, Circle, \$8; Springfield, \$10. Total, \$60.
 Total Beneficiary Fund, \$527.48.

Special Fund.—*Asheville*.—Boston: St. John's, \$1; Tremont Street,
 \$1; Winthrop Street, 50 cents; Brookline, \$2; Eggleston Square, \$1; Ba-
 ker Memorial, 50 cents; Hyde Park, \$2.50; Jamaica Plain, \$1.50; Somer-
 ville: Park Avenue, \$15. Total, \$25.
Browning Home.—Boston: Tremont Street, \$5; Hyde Park, \$10;
 Somerville: Flint Street, \$5; Warren, \$23.36. Total, \$43.36.
Haven Home.—Malden, bequest of Miss Haven, \$54.50. Total, \$54.50.
Immigrant Work.—Boston: Conference, \$192.46, voucher.
 Total, \$192.46.
Jesse Lee Home.—Boston: St. John's, \$5; Temple Street, \$50; Tremont
 Street, \$25; East Boston: Saratoga Street, \$2; Lynn: St. Paul's, \$20; Hyde
 Park, \$5. Total, \$107.
Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school.—Boston: Winthrop Street, \$1.
 Total, \$1.
Speedwell.—Malden, bequest of Miss Haven, \$54.50. Total, \$54.50.
Thayer Home.—Malden, bequest of Miss Haven, \$54.50. Total, \$54.50.
Utah.—Cambridge: Harvard Street, \$15; Springfield, \$10. Total, \$25.
Watts de Peyster.—Westfield, \$50. Total, \$50.
 Total Special Fund, \$607.32.
 Grand total, 4,094.69.
 Local Work, 776.92.

New England Southern Conference.

MRS. ELEANOR J. COOPER, Treasurer, 3 Arch Street, New Bedford, Mass.

General Fund.—NEW BEDFORD DISTRICT.—Bryantville, \$9.50; College
 City, \$17; Fair Haven, \$17.50; Fall River: Union, \$66; Circle, \$10.50;
 Middleboro, \$10; New Bedford: County Street, \$42; Plymouth, \$11; Taun-
 ton: Grace, \$22.25; Mary Church, \$2; Whitman, \$10; Yarmouth Camp,
 \$14; Mrs. Robert Woodward, \$1. Total, \$232.75.
 NORWICH DISTRICT.—Burnside, \$21; Hazardville, \$11; Hockanum,
 \$2.25; Jewett City, \$14; Manchester, \$16.75; Niantic, \$19.50; New London
 \$65.27; Circle, \$17.25; Band, \$10; Norwich: Trinity, \$37; Rockville, \$9;
 South Manchester, \$25; Stafford Springs, \$50; Wapping, \$5; Willimantic,
 \$54; Willimantic Camp, \$9; Band, \$3. Total, \$369.02.
 PROVIDENCE DISTRICT.—Bristol, \$20.50; Brocton: Central Church,
 \$19; South Street, \$20; East Weymouth, \$31; Newport: First Church, \$34;
 Pawtucket: Thomson Church, \$9.50; Providence: Union, \$163; Stough-
 ton: First Church, \$12; Conference collections, \$28. Total, \$337.
Mite-boxes, \$12. Total, \$12.
Mothers' Jewels, \$1.60. Total, \$1.60.
Thank-offering, \$4.45. Total, \$4.45.
Leaflet Fund, \$3.50. Total, \$3.50.
 Total General Fund, \$960.32.

Special General Fund.—Brocton: South Street, \$5; Fall River: Union, \$10. Total, \$15.

Emergency Fund.—Bristol, \$20; Brocton: Central Church, \$20; South Street, \$21; Cottage City, \$16; Danielson, \$5; Fairhaven, \$5; Fall River: Union, \$35; Circle, \$55; Jewett City, \$15; Middleboro, \$5; New Bedford: Pleasant Street, Junior League, \$3; New London, \$20; Newport, \$10; Niantic, \$10; Norwich: Trinity, \$12; Providence: Union, \$25; South Manchester, \$5; Wickford, \$5; Willimantic, \$5. Total, \$292.

Total Special General Fund, \$307.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Browning Home.*—Fairhaven, \$12. Total, \$12.

Dulce.—Fall River: Union, \$8. Total, \$8.

King Home.—East Weymouth, \$5; Providence: Union, \$10. Total, \$15.

Ritter Home.—Middleboro, \$10. Total, \$10.

Watts de Peyster.—New Bedford: County Street, \$1; New London, Circle, \$10; Band, \$2. Total, \$13.

Total Beneficiary Fund, \$58.

Special Fund.—*Alger Loan Fund.*—Mrs. N. C. Alger, \$20. Total, \$20.

Asheville.—Burnside, \$1; East Weymouth, \$1; Fairhaven, \$1; Fall River: Union, \$6; Hockanum, \$1.25; Jewett City, \$1; Manchester, \$10; Middleboro, \$6; New London, \$1; Newport: First Church, \$10; New Bedford: County Street, \$2; District, \$8; Niantic, \$5; Plymouth, \$3; Providence: Union, \$27; Stafford Springs, \$1; Stoughton, \$2; Thompsonville, \$1; Mrs. Tregaskis, \$1; Whitman, \$2; without special credits, \$17.75. Total, \$108.

Browning Home.—Bristol, \$6.80; Middleboro, \$5; New Bedford District, \$8; New London, \$10; Newport: First Church, \$25; Norwich: Trinity, \$5; Fall River: Union, \$15; Niantic, Band, \$8.50; Pawtucket: Thomson Church, \$2; Providence: Union, \$40; Stafford Springs, \$2.50. Total, \$127.80.

Chinese Work.—Providence: Union, \$15. Total, \$15.

Immigrant Home, New York.—Willimantic, \$5. Total, \$5.

Jesse Lee Home.—New London, Circle, \$5; Providence: Union, \$5. Total, \$10.

Navajoes.—Niantic, Band, \$1.50. Providence: Union, \$5. Total, \$6.50.

Stickney Home.—New London, Band, \$5. Total, \$5.

Watts de Peyster.—Brocton: South Street, \$4.30; East Weymouth, \$2. Total, \$6.30.

Total to Special Fund, \$303.60.

Grand total, 1,628.92.

Local Work, 4 50.

New Hampshire Conference.

MRS. J. D. FOLSOM, Treasurer, Greenland, New Hampshire.

General Fund.—CONCORD DISTRICT.—Claremont, \$5; Concord: Baker Memorial, \$10; First Church, \$34; Suncook, \$7. Total, \$56.

DOVER DISTRICT.—Amesbury, \$5.75; Centralville, \$3.25; Dover, \$19; Epping, \$4.20; Greenland, \$17; Haverhill: First Church, \$10; Grace, \$80; Third Church, \$1; Wesley Church, \$13; Lawrence: First Church, \$49.43; Newfields, \$6.50; Rochester, \$5; Salisbury, \$11; Somersworth, \$21. Total, \$246.13.

MANCHESTER DISTRICT.—Antrim, \$12; Claremont, \$15; Union Camp-

meeting, \$4; Goffstown, 40 cents; Grasmere, \$1; Keene, \$11; Manchester: St. James, \$2; St. Paul, \$41; Marlboro, \$11; Nashua, \$13.75; Salem: Pleasant Street, \$6. Total, \$117.15.

Mothers' Jewels, \$18. Total, \$18.

Mile-boxes, \$21.71. Total, \$21.71.

Organizer's Fund, \$8.18. Total, \$8.18.

By Voucher, \$6.37. Total, \$6.37.

Total to General Fund, \$473.54.

Special General Fund.—*Emergency Fund.*—Concord: First Church, \$5; Derry: St. Luke's, \$7.10; First Church, \$1; Grasmere, \$5; Greenland, \$5; Haverhill: First Church, \$20. Total, \$45.10.

Total Special General Fund, \$45.10.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Jesse Lee Home.*—Concord: First Church, \$10; for Alexander Pepin, Conference gatherings, \$17.61; Conference Continent Fund, \$10.77; Manchester, \$5; St. Paul's, 37 cents; Marlboro, 25 cents; Newfields, \$3; Tilton, \$3. Total, \$50.

Boylan Home.—Salem: Pleasant Street, voucher, \$11; for Estella Hankins, \$3; League, \$1. Total, \$15.

Total Beneficiary Fund, \$65.

Special Fund.—*Jesse Lee Home.*—Manchester: St. James, \$10.

Total, \$10.

Haven Home.—Haverhill: Wesley Chapel, \$10. Total, \$10.

Oriental Work.—San Francisco, Conference, \$9.39; Dover, \$3.61; West Springfield, \$2. Total, \$15.

Navajoes.—Haverhill: First Church, \$5. Total, \$5.

Deaconess Work.—Rochester, \$2. Total, \$2.

Watts de Peyster Home.—Contoocook, \$1.35; Somersworth, 35 cents; Grantham, \$2; Grasmere, \$5.55; North Grantham, \$1. Total, \$10.25.

Total Special Fund, \$52.25.

Grand total, \$635.89.

Local Work, 21.33.

New Jersey Conference.

MRS. S. J. TURNER, Treasurer, 410 North Fourth Street, Camden, N. J.

General Fund.—BRIDGETON DISTRICT.—Bridgeton: Central Avenue, \$45; Commerce Street, \$25; Trinity Church, \$23.75; Clayton, \$58.70; Salem: Broadway, \$19; Vineland: First Church, \$76; Band, \$1.25; Woodstown, \$13. Total, \$261.70.

CAMDEN DISTRICT.—Blackwood, \$25.30; Camden: Broadway, \$90.25; Circle, \$4.66; Centenary, \$68.25; Sacrifice, \$8; First Church, \$57.75; State Street, \$8.25; Tabernacle, \$47.60; Circle, \$3.25; Union, \$39.50; Dudley, \$16.10; Haddonfield, \$23.05; Wenonah, \$5. Total, \$396.96.

NEW BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.—Asbury Park: First Church, \$35.50; Sacrifice, \$5; Cranberry, \$19.25; Band, \$4; Manasquan, \$16; Milltown, \$8; New Brunswick: First Church, \$24.75; Ocean Grove: St. Paul's, \$62.65; Red Bank: Grace, \$13; Sea Bright, \$20. Total, \$208.15.

TRENTON DISTRICT.—Island Heights, League, \$4; Pennington, \$13.25; Trenton: Central Church, \$32.50; First Church, \$100; St. Paul, \$19.50; State Street, \$61. Total, \$230.25.

Mothers' Jewels, \$15.84. Total, \$15.84.

Leaflet Fund, \$10. Total, \$10.

Mile-boxes, \$26.97. Total, \$26.97.

Total to General Fund, \$1,147.87.

Special General Fund.—Emergency Fund.—Asbury Park: First Church, \$5; Camden: Centenary, \$23; Band, \$10; Dudley, \$7.15; Haddonfield, \$3.50; Norwood Park: Madison Avenue, \$10; Ocean Grove: St. Paul's, \$64; Pennington, \$5; Salem: Broadway, \$5; Vineland: First Church, \$8.
Total, \$140.65.

Teachers' Salary.—Dudley, \$5.

Total to Special General Fund, \$145.65.

Beneficiary Fund.—Harwood Home.—Camden: Broadway, \$2; Centenary, \$6; Union, \$2.50; Trenton: Central, 50 cents; St. Paul's, 50 cents; State Street, \$2.
Total, \$13.50.

Jesse Lee Home.—Bridgeton District, \$4.16; Salem: Broadway, \$5.

Total, \$9.16.

Oriental Work.—Camden: Broadway, \$5; Ocean Grove: St. Paul's, \$10; Trenton: State Street, \$5; Asbury Park: First Church, \$5.
Total, \$25.

Peck Home.—Blackwood, \$1.50; Camden: Broadway, \$1.50; Centenary, \$1.50; First Church, \$1.50; Union, \$1.50; Tabernacle, \$1.50; Dudley, \$1.50; Haddonfield, \$1.50.
Total, \$12.

Watts de Peyster Home.—Bridgeton: Central Church, \$5; Camden: First Church, \$5; Tabernacle, \$5; Clayton, \$5; Cranberry, \$5; Haddonfield, \$5; Vineland: First Church, \$5.
Total, \$35.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$94.06.

Special Fund.—*Alaska.*—Camden: Centenary, \$1.50; Trenton: Central, \$1; State Street, \$2.50.
Total, \$5.

Mothers' Jewels Home, Hospital Fund.—Trenton: St. Paul's, \$4.40.

Total, \$4.40.

Navajoes.—Vineland: First Church, \$15.

Total, \$15.

Total to Special Fund, \$24.40.

Grand total, 1,413.98.

Local Work, 111.33.

New Mexico Mission.

MRS. R. Y. SHORT, Treasurer, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Special General Fund.—Emergency Fund.—Anita C. Rodriguez, \$40; Nellie Snider, \$5.
Total, \$45.

Total Special General Fund, \$45.

Grand total, 45.

NOTE.—General Fund \$18, and Special Fund \$17.95, have been reported, but as no vouchers for these amounts have been received, credit is not given.

New York Conference.

MRS. J. A. PUNDERFORD, 127 West Seventieth Street, New York.

General Fund.—KINGSTON DISTRICT.—Coxsackie, \$43.75; Haines Falls, \$1; Kingston: Clinton Avenue, \$27.16; St. James, \$28.50; Trinity, \$33.
Total, \$133.41.

NEWBURG DISTRICT.—Newburg: Trinity, \$46.
Total, \$46.

NEW YORK DISTRICT.—New York: Brewster, \$17; Calvary, \$51.30; Carmel, \$10; Chatham, \$50.50; Duane Street, \$10; Eighteenth Street, \$52; Fordham, \$16; Grace, \$75.04; Hudson, \$51.75; Katonah, \$23.76; Kensico, \$8; Lakeville, \$15; Madison Avenue, \$6; Park Avenue, \$72; Peekskill, \$40; St. Andrew's, \$23; St. James, \$44.20; St. Luke's, \$9; St. Paul's, \$16.55; Sing Sing, \$30; Tarrytown, \$40; Tivoli, \$2; Twenty-fourth, \$1; Union, \$22; Washington, \$4; Washington Heights, \$26.63; Washington Square, \$83; Yonkers, \$55.
Total, \$854.73.

POUGHKEEPSIE DISTRICT.—Poughkeepsie : Trinity, \$41; Washington Street, \$56. Total, 97.

Conference Collections, \$140.92. Total, \$140.92.

Total to General Fund, \$1,272.06.

Special General Fund.—*Emergency Fund.*—Hudson, \$5; New York : Calvary, \$25; Eighteenth Street, \$5; Grace, \$5; Madison Avenue, \$15; Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, \$5; Miss Martha Van Marter, \$5; through Mrs. Henry Heustis, \$17; through Mrs. Fisk, \$5; through Conference Treasurer, \$98. Total, \$200.

Miss Mathews's Salary.—Without special credits, \$100. Total, \$100.

Total Special General Fund, \$300.

Beneficiary and Special Fund.—Through Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, \$250.

The above amount to be distributed as follows : *Asheville Building*, \$50;

Jesse Lee Home, \$50; *King Home*, \$25; *Watts de Peyster*, \$125.

Beneficiary Fund, \$50. Total, \$50.

Special Fund, \$200. Total, \$200.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Ritter Home*, \$10. Total, \$10.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$60.

Special Fund.—*Jesse Lee Home.*—Building, \$10. Total, \$10.

Oriental Work, San Francisco, \$20. Total, \$20.

Utah, \$10. Total, \$10.

Total to Special Fund, \$240.00.

Grand total, 1,872.06.

New York East Conference.

MRS. ELIZA B. LANTRY, Treasurer, 614 Madison Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

General Fund.—NEW HAVEN DISTRICT.—Hartford : South Park, \$14.50; Middletown, Conn., \$52; without special credits, 73 cents. Total, \$67.23.

NEW YORK DISTRICT.—Bridgeport, Conn. : Washington Park, \$55.80;

Mt. Vernon, \$60.83; New York : Trinity, \$17.05. Total, \$133.68.

NORTH BROOKLYN DISTRICT.—Babylon, \$4.50; Brooklyn : Bushwick Avenue, \$30; De Kalb Avenue, \$13; Jamaica, \$40; Sayville, \$15. Total, \$102.50.

SOUTH BROOKLYN DISTRICT.—Brooklyn : Embury, \$12; Grace, \$31;

Hanson Place, \$36; New York Avenue, \$10.80; Nostrand Avenue, \$26;

Circle, \$10; Janes, \$46; Patchogue, Circle, \$14.60; St. Paul's, \$1; Simpson,

\$26; Sumner Avenue, \$40; Summerfield, \$6.60. Total, \$260.

Mothers' Jewels, \$1. Total, \$1.

Leaflet Fund, \$10. Total, \$10.

Total General Fund, \$574.41.

Special General Fund.—*Emergency Fund.*—Bridgeport : Washington Park, Circle, \$15; Brooklyn : Nostrand Avenue, \$25; Grace, \$12; Hanson Place, \$5; Sumner Avenue, \$10; Summerfield, \$5; Jamaica, \$5; Mt. Vernon : First Church, \$20; Young Ladies, \$20; Middletown, \$14. Total, \$131.

Total Special General Fund, \$131.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Jesse Lee Home.*—Middletown, Conn., \$23.77.

Total, \$23.77.

Watts de Peyster.—New York : Trinity, \$60.

Total, \$60.

Total Beneficiary Fund, \$83.77.

Special Fund. —Collected for typewriter, \$18.50.	Total, \$18.50.
<i>Deaconess Home.</i> —Brooklyn, \$3,312.16, voucher.	Total, \$3,312.16.
<i>Harwood Home.</i> —Brooklyn: Hanson Place, \$47.	Total, \$47.
<i>Haven Home.</i> —Jamaica, \$13, voucher.	Total, \$13.
<i>Immigrant Home, New York.</i> —Brooklyn: Sumner Avenue, \$5; New York: Trinity, \$5.	Total, \$10.
<i>Jesse Lee Home.</i> —Brooklyn: New York Avenue, \$29.19.	Total, \$29.19.
<i>Navajos.</i> —Middletown, Conn., \$12.	Total, \$12.
<i>Oriental Work.</i> —Without special credits, \$10.	Total, \$10.
<i>Rest Home.</i> —Without special credits, \$10.	Total, \$10.
Total Special Fund,	\$3,461.85.
Grand total,	4,251.03.

North Carolina Conference.

General Fund. —Asheville Auxiliary, \$7.65.	Total, \$7.65.
Total General Fund,	\$7.65.
Special Fund. — <i>Asheville.</i> —Conference gatherings, \$10; rent of cottage, \$10.	Total, \$20.
Total Special Fund,	\$20.00.
Grand total,	27.65.

North Indiana Conference.

MRS. G. A. OSBORN, Treasurer, Marion, Indiana.

General Fund. —FORT WAYNE DISTRICT.—Bluffton, \$47.40; Circle, \$1.63; Decatur, \$29; Fort Wayne, \$38.95; Circle, \$3.75; Garrett, \$9; Huntington, \$35.50; Junior League, \$1.65; Fremont, \$3.25.	Total, \$170.13.
GOSHEN DISTRICT.—Benton, \$10.50; Elkhart, \$75.27; Goshen, \$46.45; Leesburg, \$2; Milford, \$11.25; Mishawaka, \$28.15; gift, \$10; New Paris, \$13.75; Wakarusa, \$10.25; Wolcottville, \$11.25.	Total, \$218.87.
KOKOMO DISTRICT.—Converse, \$9.90; Logansport: Broadway, \$20.83; Market Street, \$22; Wheatland Street, \$11.75; Peru, \$14; Windfall, \$5.78.	Total, \$84.26.
MUNCIE DISTRICT.—Alexandria, \$25.03; Anderson, \$43.25; Hartford City, \$38.40; Muncie, \$18.75; Red Key, \$22.50.	Total, \$147.93.
RICHMOND DISTRICT.—Charlottesville, \$11.72; Fountain City, \$13; Hagerstown, \$9.50; Knightstown, \$21; Middletown, \$10.15; New Castle, \$28.25; Richmond: First Church, \$17; Circle, 34 cents; Fifth Street, \$3; Grace, \$28; Winchester, \$28.50.	Total, \$170.46.
WARSAW DISTRICT.—Marion, \$25; Silver Lake, \$5.75; Wabash, \$42.25; Warsaw, \$14.	Total, \$87.
<i>Mothers' Jewels</i> , \$2.70.	Total, \$2.70.
<i>Leaflet Fund</i> , \$5.	Total, \$5.
<i>Mite-boxes</i> , \$8.17.	Total, \$8.17.
Total General Fund,	\$894.52.

Special General Fund.—*Missionaries' Salaries.*—Alexandria, \$5; Benton, \$4.82; Bluffton, \$21.45; Decatur, \$14.50; Elkhart, \$25.38; Hagerstown, \$10; Hartford City, \$15; Huntington, \$7; Fort Wayne, \$19; Knightstown, \$8; Logansport: Broadway, \$10; Market Street, \$5; Wheatland Street, \$5; Marion, \$15.98; Middletown, \$15; Mishawaka, \$25.78; Milford, \$5; Muncie, \$28; New Castle, \$10; New Paris, \$12.27; Peru, \$10; Red Key, \$5.50; Richmond: First Church, \$8.43; Grace, \$20; Wabash, \$25; Winchester, \$16.44; special gifts, \$3.81; Wakarusa, \$1.33.

Total, \$352.69.

Emergency Fund.—Anderson, \$25; Alexandria, \$1; Bluffton, \$15; Decatur, \$15.29; Elkhart, \$16; Logansport: Market Street, \$1.81; Marion, \$5; Middletown, \$5; Mishawaka, \$10; Nappanee, \$12.05; Richmond: Grace, \$5; Wabash, \$5; Warsaw, \$5; Winchester, \$5; Conference, \$5.

Total, \$131.15.

Total Special General Fund, \$483.84.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Bennett Home.*—Elkhart, \$17.88; Milford, \$3.82; Richmond: Grace, \$15; Wakarusa, \$3.15. Total, \$39.85.

Dulce.—Elkhart, \$11; Mishawaka, \$9; Wakarusa, \$2.24. Total, \$22.24.

Harwood Home.—By voucher, Mrs. A. M. Whitson, \$50. Total, \$50.

Haven Home.—Hartford City, \$20. Total, \$20.

Jesse Lee Home.—Elkhart, \$3.62; Mishawaka, \$8.54; New Paris, \$6.50.

Total, \$18.66.

New Jersey Home.—Ft. Wayne, 75 cents. Total, 75 cents.

Oriental Work.—San Francisco: Ft. Wayne, \$1.50; Richmond: First Church, \$1. Total, \$2.50.

Ritter Home.—Goshen, \$3.30; Hartford City, \$8.57; Huntington, \$40; Knightstown, \$1.65; Logansport: Wheatland Street, \$25; Marion, \$16.76; Middletown, \$20; New Castle, \$3.50; Peru, \$1; Richmond: Grace, \$10; Wabash, \$21; Warsaw, \$1; Winchester, \$5; Wolcottville, \$3.25.

Total, \$165.03.

Total Beneficiary Fund, \$319.03.

Special Fund.—*Jesse Lee Home.*—Alexandria, 75 cents; Bluffton, \$3; Fountain City, 50 cents; Huntington, \$1.50; Knightstown, \$1; Logansport: Broadway, \$1; Richmond: First Church, \$1; Warsaw, 65 cents.

Total, \$9.40.

Total Special Fund, \$9.40.

Grand total, 1,706.79.

North Nebraska Conference.

MRS. C. S. HAYNES, Treasurer, Norfolk, Neb.

General Fund.—GRAND ISLAND DISTRICT.—Central City, \$21.25; honorary members, \$4; Clark's, \$1; Fullerton, \$1; Grand Island: Mapleville, \$1; North Bend, \$1; St. Edwards, \$8. Total, \$38.25.

NELIGH DISTRICT.—Battle Creek, \$1; Neligh, \$4; Oakdale, \$4; Plainview, \$7.55. Total, \$16.55.

NORFOLK DISTRICT.—Beemer, \$7.75; Decatur, \$2; Madison, \$8.75; Norfolk, \$19; Stanton, \$19.50; Wayne, \$27.80; dues of Dr. Ivory, \$1.

Total, \$85.80.

OMAHA DISTRICT.—Fremont, \$24; Conference, \$16; Omaha: Hanscom Park, \$51; honorary members, \$3; Seward Street, \$5.75; Trinity, \$17.55; South Omaha, \$25.25. Total, \$142.55.

Mothers' Jewels.—Central City, \$1; Norfolk, \$2.48; Wayne, \$1.60. Total, \$5.08.

Immigrant Work.—Boston: Omama Hanscom Park, \$5. Total, \$5.

Leaflet Fund.—Norfolk, 25 cents; Wayne, 25 cents. Total, 50 cents.

Total General Fund, \$293.73.

Special General Fund.—*Emergency Fund.*—Central City, \$5; Fremont, \$23; Thank-offering, 14; Norfolk, \$10; Mrs. H. H. Millard, \$5; Norfolk District, \$5; Omaha: Hanscom Park, \$23; Omaha District, \$5; Pilger, \$5; Plainview, \$5; South Omaha, \$5; Stanton, \$10; Wayne, \$5. Total, \$120.

Oriental Work.—Omaha: Hanscom Park, \$1; for Leaflets: Fremont, 25 cents. Total, \$1.25.

Total Special General Fund, \$121.25.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Mothers' Jewels Home.*—Beemer, \$1; Fremont, \$25; Norfolk, \$16.45; Omaha: South Tenth Street, \$8; Plainview, \$6; Stanton, \$12.56; Wayne, \$9.40. Total, \$78.41.

Oriental Work, San Francisco.—Beemer, \$3; Fremont, \$1; Norfolk, \$1; Omaha: Trinity, \$1; Pilger, \$1; Wayne, \$1. Total, \$8.

Total Beneficiary Fund, \$86.41.

Special Fund.—*Mothers' Jewels Home.*—Fremont, \$10; Wayne, \$7.88; various auxiliaries, \$59.50. (Vouchers.) Total, 77.38.

Hospital Fund.—Beemer, \$5; Neligh, \$4; Plainview, \$10.01; Stanton, \$30 10; Wayne, \$1.70. Total, \$50.81.

Total Special Fund, \$128.19.

Grand total, 629.58.

Local Work, 10.00.

North Ohio Conference.

MRS. T. S. SHEPHERD, Treasurer, Wooster, Ohio.

General Fund.—CLEVELAND DISTRICT.—Berea, \$18.25; Cleveland: Brooklyn Church, \$14.50; Franklin Avenue, \$40.60; Gordon Avenue, \$3.53; Jennings Avenue, \$10; Elyria, \$75.55; Granger, \$1; Huntington, \$20; Lorain, \$2; New London, \$22.10; Oberlin, Circle, \$11.83; Wellington, \$39.50. Total, \$258.86.

MANSFIELD DISTRICT.—Ashland, \$26.50; Bucyrus, \$21.20; bequest of Martha Johnson, \$358; Bucyrus Circuit, \$2; Crestline, \$21.50; Delaware: Asbury, \$36.50; Grace, \$11; Galion, \$19.50; Hayesville, \$9.15; Mansfield, \$104.20; Mt. Gilead, \$3.80; Pavonia, \$20.85; Plymouth, \$16; Shelby, \$12.25. Total, \$662.45.

MT. VERNON DISTRICT.—Clarks: Bloomfield, \$9; Danville, \$3.50; Fredericktown, \$1; Gambier: Hopewell, \$12.75; Galena, \$1; Levering, \$1; Mt. Vernon, \$31.25; Roscoe, \$19.75; Circle, \$7.80; Union Chapel, \$17; Utica, \$2.50. Total, \$106.55.

SANDUSKY DISTRICT.—Bellevue, \$9.50; Norwalk, \$29.50; Port Clinton, \$14; Sandusky, \$3.60; Tiffin, \$44.75. Total, \$101.35.

WOOSTER DISTRICT.—Albion, \$6.83; Barberton, \$8.95; Canaan, \$7; Fredericksburg, \$13.25; Loudonville, \$14; North Lawrence, \$5.75; Rugles, \$14.50; Band, \$1.14; Circle, 36 cents; Smithville, \$11; Wooster, \$40. Total, \$122.78.

Mite-boxes, \$36.69. Total, \$36.69.

Mothers' Jewels, \$8.20. Total, \$8.20.

Leaflet Fund, 25 cents. Total, 25 cents.

Child's Paper, \$20.75. Total, \$20.75.

Total to General Fund, \$1,323.66.

Special General Fund.—Ashland, \$3.50; Wellington, 65 cents. Total, \$4.15.

Emergency Fund.—Ashland, \$5; Berea, \$5; Cleveland: Franklin Avenue, \$14; Delaware: Asbury, \$10; Elyria, \$25; Fredericksburg, \$5; Mansfield, \$23.25; Roscoe, \$15; Shelby, \$5; Wellington, \$11; Wooster, \$5. Total, \$123.25.

Total to Special General Fund, \$127.40.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Asheville.*—Oberlin, Circle, \$10. Total, \$10.

E. L. Rust Home.—Mansfield, \$5. Total, \$5.

Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school.—Barberton, \$15; Bellevue, \$13.50; Berea, \$5; Elyria, \$25; Mansfield, \$15; Shelby, \$10; Wooster, \$5. Total, \$88.50.

Ritter Home.—Mansfield, \$44. Total, \$44.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$147.50.

Special Fund.—*Asheville.*—Bellevue, \$6.80; Mansfield, \$42; Mount Vernon, \$15; Norwalk, \$5; Roscoe, \$5; Union Chapel, \$10; Wellington, \$5.
Total, \$88.80.

Bennett Home.—Mansfield, \$15. Total, \$15.

Deaconess Home, Cleveland.—Various sources, \$252.50. (Vouchers).
Total, \$252.50.

Jesse Lee Home.—Ashland, \$31; Berea, \$10.75; Delaware: Asbury, \$25; Clarks: Bloomfield, \$3; Gambier: Hopewell, \$3; Pavonia, \$5; Roscoe, \$10; Smithville, \$1.10. Total, \$88.85.

Utah.—Cleveland: Franklin Avenue, \$5. Total, \$5.

Peck Home.—Roscoe, \$5. Total, \$5.

Total to Special Fund, \$455.15.

Grand total, 2,053.71.

Northern New York Conference.

MRS. A. E. HENDERSON, Treasurer, Oswego, New York.

General Fund.—ADAMS DISTRICT.—Adams, \$45; Belleville, \$13; Copenhagen, \$11; Lowville, \$30; Turin: Second Church, \$12.65; Watertown: State Street, \$53.75; Band, \$1.95. Total, \$167.35.

HERKIMER DISTRICT.—Frankfort, \$13.50; Herkimer, \$33; Ilion, \$79.55; Mohawk, Circle, \$7. Total, \$133.05.

OSWEGO DISTRICT.—Altmar, \$9.50; Camden, \$13; Band, \$2; Fulton: First Church, \$42; Hannibal, \$9.50; Circle, 50 cents; Mexico, \$51.85; Minnetto, \$12.80; Mt. Pleasant, \$1; New Haven, \$1; Oswego: Center, \$12.72; First Church, \$41.10; Trinity, \$25.25; Band, \$1.60; Union Square, Band, \$3.77; Pulaski, \$21.15; Band, \$2.50; Sandy Creek, \$15. Total, \$266.24.

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT.—Malone, \$18; Morristown, \$24.85; Ogdensburg, \$45.25; Circle, \$5; Potsdam, \$31. Total, \$123.10.

UTICA DISTRICT.—Clinton, \$2; Circle, \$5; Hamilton, Circle, \$3.50; Knoxboro, \$3.50; Band, \$5; Madison, \$17.75; New Hartford, \$22; Rome: First Church, \$64.50; Stittville, \$2; Utica: First Church, \$41; South Street, \$45. Total, \$211.25.

WATERTOWN DISTRICT.—Black River, \$23; Carthage, \$8.50; De Peyster, Circle, \$8.25; Band, \$2.75; Depauville, \$14.78; Evans Mills, \$7.25; Gouverneur, \$25.35; Harrisville, \$8.25; Heuvelton, \$1; Philadelphia, \$11.05; Theresa, \$13.25; Watertown: Arsenal, \$36; Circle, \$1.35; Band, \$3.40; District, \$4. Total, \$168.18.

Conference Gatherings, \$9.50. Total, \$9.50.

Mothers' Jewels, \$8.89. Total, \$8.89.

Mite-boxes, \$24.83. Total, \$24.83.

Thank-offering and Gifts, \$10.88. Total, \$10.88.

Children's Paper, \$8.43. Total, \$8.43.

Total to General Fund, \$1,151.30.

Special General Fund.—*Emergency Fund.*—Adams, \$25; Black River, \$5; Camden, \$5; Gouverneur, \$5.10; Ilion, \$5; Knoxboro, \$10; Martinsburg, \$5; Mexico, \$15; Oswego: Center, \$1.62; Trinity, \$15; Watertown: Arsenal Street, \$10; State Street, \$32. Total, \$133.72.

For the debt., \$29.85. Total, \$29.85.

Mite-boxes, \$9.50. Total, \$9.50.

Thank-offering, \$10.70. Total, \$10.70.

Immigrant Work.—New York, \$7.57. Total, \$7.57.

Child's Paper, \$6.24. Total, \$6.24.

Total to Special General Fund, \$197.58.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Asheville.*—Adams, \$4.75; Ilion, \$7.14; Utica: South Street, \$7.87. Total, \$19.76.

<i>Dulce</i> .—Watertown : Arsenal Street, \$4.	Total, \$4.
<i>Jesse Lee Home</i> .—Frankfort, \$6; Watertown : Arsenal Street, Circle, \$16.	Total, \$22.
<i>Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school</i> .—Adams, \$5; Adams District, \$1.50; De Peyster, \$1; Frankfort, 25 cents; Herkimer District, \$1.25; Ogdensburg, \$1; Prairie Corners, \$6; Utica : South Street, \$5; Utica District, \$1.50; Watertown : Arsenal Street, \$5; Watertown District, \$2.	Total, \$29.50.
<i>New Jersey Home</i> .—Herkimer, \$20.	Total, \$20.
<i>Ritter Home</i> .—Adams, \$30; Beaver Falls, \$5; Black River, \$6; Carthage, \$40; De Peyster, \$20; Evans Mills, \$2.51; Granville, \$11; Harrisville, \$5; Heuvelton, \$3; Ogdensburg, \$30; Plessis, \$4.57; Rome : First Church, \$41; Theresa, \$6; Watertown : Arsenal Street, \$11; State Street, \$20; Galilee, Rev. Wm. Thomas, \$10.	Total, \$245.08.
<i>Watts de Peyster</i> .—De Peyster, \$15.	Total, \$15.
Total to Beneficiary Fund,	\$355.34.
Special Fund .— <i>Asheville</i> .—Belleville, \$1.76; Camden, \$1.70; Carthage, \$1; Clinton, \$1; Frankfort, \$1.89; Fulton : First Church, \$5; Hamilton, \$1; Hannibal, \$1; Harrisville, 90 cents; Herkimer, \$3.78; Lowville, \$3; Madison, \$3.25; Malone, \$5; Mexico, \$55; Mohawk, Circle, \$1.19; Morristown, \$4; New Hartford, \$3; New Haven, \$1; Ogdensburg, \$8; Oswego : Center, \$2; Trinity, \$3; Philadelphia, \$1; Pulaski, \$2; Rome : First Church, \$4; Stittville, \$1; Theresa, \$10; Utica : First Church, \$3.25; Watertown : State Street, \$5.25; Arsenal, \$24.	Total, \$157.97.
<i>Deaconess Work</i> .—\$11.40.	Total, \$11.40.
<i>Frontier Work</i> .—\$34.34.	Total, \$34.34.
<i>Jesse Lee Home</i> .—Depauville, \$1.	Total, \$1.
<i>Watts de Peyster</i> .—Utica : South Street, \$5.	Total, \$5.
<i>Marcy Home</i> .—Gouverneur, \$6.30.	Total, \$6.30.
<i>Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school</i> .—Depauville, \$1; De Peyster, Circle, \$1; Black River, \$1; Gouverneur, \$2.	Total, \$5.
Total to Special Fund,	\$221.01.
Grand total,	1,925.23.
Local Work,	17.20.

Northwest Indiana Conference.

MRS. MYRON CAMPBELL, Treasurer, South Bend, Indiana.

General Fund .—CRAWFORDSVILLE DISTRICT.—North Indianapolis, \$22.50.	Total, \$22.50.
GREENCASTLE DISTRICT.—Catlin, \$2.35; Greencastle : College Avenue, \$26.35; Young Ladies, \$10.50; Rockville, \$3.20; Terre Haute : Centenary, \$70.50; Bellmore, \$9; Trinity, \$14.50; Conference gatherings, \$7.50.	Total, \$143.90.
LAFAYETTE DISTRICT.—Frankfort, \$19.25; Lafayette, mite-boxes, \$5.90; Trinity, \$45.25; Circle, \$15.	Total, \$85.40.
SOUTH BEND DISTRICT.—Monticello, \$20; South Bend : First Church, \$59; Grace Church, \$15.50; Circle, \$13.	Total, \$107.50.
VALPARAISO DISTRICT.—Crown Point, \$8.29; Valparaiso, \$16.50.	Total, \$24.79.
<i>Mothers' Jewels</i> .—Terre Haute : Centenary, \$2.80.	Total, \$2.80.
<i>Thank-offering</i> .—Lafayette, \$15; Monticello, \$8.33.	Total, \$23.33.
Total to General Fund,	\$410.22.
Special General Fund .—Monticello, \$9.67; Terre Haute, 45 cents; Valparaiso, \$6.20.	Total, \$16.32.

Emergency Fund.—Frankfort, \$5; Greencastle, \$10; College Avenue, \$5; Lafayette: Trinity, \$5; South Bend: First Church, \$25; Terre Haute: Trinity, \$5; Valparaiso, \$10. Total, \$65.

Total to Special General Fund, \$81.32.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Jesse Lee Home.*—Frankfort, \$25.10.

Total, \$25.10.

Ritter Home.—Greencastle: College Avenue, \$16; South Bend, \$10.

Total, \$26.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$51.10.

Special Fund.—*Asheville.*—South Bend: First Church, \$25.

Total, \$25.

Total to Special Fund, \$25.00.

Grand total, \$57.64.

Northwest Iowa Conference.

MRS. J. K. BUELLY, Treasurer, Unique, Iowa.

General Fund.—ALGONA DISTRICT.—Alden, \$1; Alexander, \$15.25; Algona, \$30; Bancroft, \$13.50; Belmont, \$5; Britt, \$16; Burt, \$6; Clear Lake, \$30.75; Corwith, \$18.25; Eagle Grove, \$3.50; Davis, \$2.50; Garner, \$14.30; Goldfield, \$10.50; Forest City, \$2; Oakland Valley, \$4; Hardy, \$1.25; La Verne, \$4; Webster City, \$6.25. Total, \$184.05.

FORT DODGE DISTRICT.—Alta, \$28; Amelia, \$5; Burnside, \$1; Fort Dodge: First Church, \$55.10; Hubbard, \$9.75; Band, 66 cents; Lohrville, \$16.50; Manson, \$23; Newell, \$14.15; Rockwell City, \$16.80; Storm Lake, \$40.75; Circle, \$7.05; Twin Lakes, \$9.75; Webster City, \$14.25; West Fort Dodge, \$10.25. Total, \$252.01.

IDA GROVE DISTRICT.—Arthur, \$10.25; Charter Oak, \$14; Deloit, \$1; Galva, \$29.30; Good Hope, \$2; Grant City, \$5; Circle, 50 cents; Ida Grove, \$6.50; Jackson, \$2; Kingsley, \$16.85; Lake City, \$13.75; Lake View, \$13.75; Circle, 25 cents; Odebolt, \$4; Pierson, Band, \$1; Silver, \$12; Circle, 90 cents; Vail, \$6.50; Wall Lake, \$9; West Side, \$6. Total, \$154.55.

SHELDON DISTRICT.—Calumet, \$5.50; Dickens, \$9.75; Everly, \$16; Circle, 37 cents; Excelsior, \$7.75; Hartley, \$12.50; Havelock, \$11; Hull, \$1.50; Inwood, \$20.25; Circle, \$2; Laurens, \$14.25; Lester, Mrs. McCullough, \$1; Little Rock, \$3.15; Marathon, \$5.30; May City, \$16.70; Milford, \$8.75; Paulina, \$4; Plover, \$6.50; Rock Rapids, \$21.35; Rolfe, \$14.50; Ruthven, \$7; Sanborn, \$4; Sheldon, \$20.05; Sioux Rapids, \$4; Spencer, \$41; Circle, \$1. Total, \$259.17.

SIoux CITY DISTRICT.—Akron, \$1; Calumet, \$17.50; Epworth, \$6.25; Hawarden: Fourth Street, \$10.50; Le Mars, \$28.30; Merrill, \$1; Peiro, \$18; Salix, \$12.50; Sioux City: First Church, \$19; Grace, \$28.50; Circle, \$17; Sargeants Bluff, \$1. Total, \$160.55.

Conference Cleanings, \$25.61.

Leaflet Fund, \$2.86.

Mothers' Jewels, \$13.50.

Total, \$2.86.

Total, \$13.50.

Total to General Fund, \$1,052.30.

Special General Fund.—*Teacher's Salaries.*—From mite-boxes, \$29.55; Akron, \$1; Alexander, \$3; Algona, \$4; Alta, \$3; Bancroft, \$3; Britt, \$2; Calumet, \$2.50; Charter Oak, \$5; Corwith, \$4; Dows, \$1.70; Dickens, \$2; Everly, \$5.75; Excelsior, 30 cents; Fort Dodge: First Church, \$5.36; Galva, \$4; Garner, \$3; Hartley, \$3; Havelock, \$3; Hubbard, \$3; Hawarden, \$3; Inwood, \$13.54; Jewell, 75 cents; Kingsley, \$6.53; Lake View, \$3; Lake City, \$6.45; Laurens, \$6; Lohrville, \$3.04; Manson, \$3; May City, \$2; Mil-

ford, \$1; Oakland Valley, \$3; Plover, \$3; Rock Rapids, \$5; Rockwell City, \$3; Rolf, \$3; Salix, \$6.40; Silver, \$5; Sioux City: First Church, \$5; Band, \$3; Grace Church, \$11; Sioux Rapids, \$3.70; Spencer, \$8; Storm Lake, \$6.56; Vail, \$6.55; Webster City, \$4.40; West Fort Dodge, 41 cents; without special credits, \$3.93. Total, \$216.42.

Emergency Fund.—Algona, \$10; Corwith, \$10; Eagle Grove, \$5; Hartley, \$3.25; Hawarden, \$2; Inwood, \$15; Lake City, \$5; Laurens, \$5; Manson, \$5; Newell, \$2.85; Rock Rapids, \$5; Rolfe, \$5; Sioux City: Grace, \$10; Circle, \$5; Spencer, \$11.64; Twin Lakes, \$5. Total, \$104.74.

Total to Special General Fund, \$321.16.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Jesse Lee Home.*—Algona, \$5; Hubbard, Band, 78 cents; Havelock, \$3; Lohrville, \$2.47; Newell, \$5.71; Plover, \$1; Sheldon, 50 cents; Sioux City: Grace, \$3.07; Silver, \$5; Wall Lake, Band, \$1; Webster City, \$8.60; other sources, \$5. Total, \$41.13.

Peck Home.—Fort Dodge, \$10; Laurens, \$3; Plover, \$1.25; Vail, \$3; other sources, \$25. Total, \$42.25.

Stickney Home.—Rockwell City, \$2.50; Twin Lakes, 25 cents; other sources, \$30.14. Total, \$32.89.

Oriental Work.—Various Auxiliaries, \$30. Total, \$30.

Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school.—Inwood, \$2. Total, \$2.

Total Beneficiary Fund, \$148.27.

Special Fund.—*Deaconess Home, Des Moines.*—Alexander, \$2; Algona, \$3; Arthur, \$3.50; Britt, \$2; Calumet, \$2; Charter Oak, \$2; Corwith, \$2; Galva, \$3; Garner, \$2; Hartley, \$2; Havelock, \$2; Hawarden, \$3; Inwood, \$4; Kingsley, \$5.27; Lohrville, \$2.48; Milford, \$8.51; Paulina, \$2; Plover, \$2; Rock Rapids, \$1.45; Rockwell City, \$2; Rolfe, \$2; Salix, \$2; Silver, \$3; Sioux City: First Church, \$4; Grace, \$5; Spencer, \$5; Webster City, \$5.70; West Fort Dodge, \$2; West Side, \$2; mite-boxes, \$11.15; various sources, \$88.90. Total, \$186.96.

Immigrant Home, New York.—Galva, \$6. Total, \$6.

Mothers' Jewels Home.—Fort Dodge, \$3.05; Odebolt, \$3; Sioux City: Grace Church, Junior League, \$9; Bands, \$16.40. Total, \$31.45.

Total to Special Fund, \$224.41.

Grand total, 1,746.14.

Local Work, 35.00.

Northwest Kansas Conference.

MRS. R. J. SMITH, Treasurer, Colby, Kansas.

General Fund.—MANKATO DISTRICT.—Mankato, \$3.50. Total, \$3.50.

SALINA DISTRICT.—Salina, \$6; Solomon, \$7. Total, \$13.

Conference Gatherings, \$12. Total, \$12.

Total to General Fund, \$28.50.

Special General Fund.—*Emergency Fund.*—Salina, \$5; Mrs. William Hoover, Salina, \$5. Total, \$10.

Total to Special General Fund, \$10.00.

Grand total, 38.50.

Northern Swedish Mission.

MRS. J. A. PALMQUIST, Treasurer.

General Fund.—Lindstrom, \$7; Red Wing, \$2; St. Paul: Cook Street, \$8.50; First Church, \$5; Stillwater, \$9.70; from Conference, \$8.50. Total, \$40.70.

Total to General Fund, \$40.70.

Grand total, 40.70.

Ohio Conference.

MISS FLORENCE STRICKLER, Treasurer, 763 Oak Street, Columbus, O.

General Fund.—CHILLICOTHE DISTRICT.—Chillicothe: Walnut Street, \$35.50; Frankfort, \$33; Mt. Carmel: Selden, \$3.25; New Holland, \$16.75; Slate Mills, \$3; Washington C. H., \$18. Total, \$109.50.

COLUMBUS DISTRICT.—Columbus: Broad Street, \$106; Circle, \$10; King Avenue, \$33.80; Neil Avenue, \$24.25; Band, \$2.50; North Columbus, \$8.25; Third Avenue, \$50.25; Circle, \$12; Town Street, \$18; Wesley Chapel, \$20.50. Total, \$285.55.

GALLIPOLIS DISTRICT.—Gallipolis, \$10; Jackson, \$31; Racine, \$6.50. Total, \$47.50.

LANCASTER DISTRICT.—Circleville, \$26.80; Lancaster, \$16.25; Logan, \$48. Total, \$91.05.

LONDON DISTRICT.—Delaware: St. Paul, \$43.15; Harrisburg, \$11; Stratford, \$10; Worthington, \$23.50. Total, \$87.65.

MARIETTA DISTRICT.—Athens, \$18.30; Marietta, \$50; Nelsonville, \$19.75. Total, \$88.05.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.—Ironton, \$78.25; Circle, \$11.95; Band, \$7; Spencer Chapel, \$3.50; Circle, \$2; Portsmouth: Bigelow Church, \$63.45; Circle, \$6.50; Band, \$4.55. Total, \$177.20.

ZANESVILLE DISTRICT.—Malta, \$22.50; Newark, \$33.25; Zanesville, \$51; Band, \$1; Second Street, Young Ladies, \$6.21. Total, \$113.96.

Somerset, bequest of Jane Cartlich, \$485. Total, \$485.

Mile-boxes, \$56.58. Total, \$56.58.

Mothers' Jewels, \$33.75. Total, \$33.75.

Thank-offering, \$21.91. Total, \$21.91.

Total to General Fund, \$1,597.70.

Special General Fund.—Columbus: King Avenue, 35 cents; Third Avenue, \$30; Wesley Chapel, \$3; Delaware: St. Paul, \$2.70; Ironton: Spencer Chapel, \$10; Circle, \$22; Nelsonville, \$5; Newark, \$5; Portsmouth: Bigelow Church, \$5; Stratford, 20 cents; Worthington, \$4; Zanesville, \$8.45. Total, \$95.70.

Emergency Fund.—Athens, \$4; Chillicothe: Walnut Street, \$44.15; Circleville, \$5; Columbus: King Avenue, \$14.81; Neil Avenue, \$10; Third Avenue, \$5; Town Street, \$25; Delaware: St. Paul, \$46.10; London, \$5; Newark, \$5; New Holland, \$5; Portsmouth: Bigelow Church, \$20; Slate Mills, \$5; Stratford, \$5; Washington C. H., \$5; Worthington, \$6; Zanesville, \$12. Total, \$222.06.

Total to General Special Fund, \$317.76.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Asheville.*—Columbus: Town Street, \$10. Total, \$10.

Harwood Home.—Columbus: Third Avenue, \$20; Zanesville, \$10. Total, \$30.

Jesse Lee Home.—Columbus: Wesley Chapel, \$13.52; Jackson, \$1.50. Total, \$15.02.

Mothers' Jewels Home.—Chillicothe: Walnut Street, \$50; Voucher, \$4. Total, \$54.

Ritter Home.—Columbus: Broad Street, Young Ladies, \$40; Third Avenue, \$20; Band, \$20; Young Ladies, \$40. Total, \$120.

Total Beneficiary Fund, \$229.02.

Special Fund.—*Asheville.*—Columbus: Town Street, \$10. Total, \$10.

Albuquerque.—Delaware: St. Paul, \$13.60; Jackson, \$5. Total, \$18.60.

E. E. Marcy Home.—Slate Mills: Morris Chapel, \$5. Total, \$5.

Immigrant Home, New York.—Columbus: Broad Street, \$40; Young

Ladies, \$21.61; King Avenue, \$50; Delaware: St. Paul, \$13.60; Jackson, \$5; Logan, \$8; Marietta, \$10; Newark, \$50; Slate Mills: Morris Chapel, \$5; Zanesville, \$20. Total, \$223.21.

Jesse Lee Home.—Ironton, \$1.50. Total, \$1.50.

Mothers' Jewels Home.—Columbus: Neil Avenue, Band, \$2.50; Ironton, \$7. Total, \$9.50.

Total Special Fund, \$267.81.

Grand total, 2,412.29.

Local Work, 402.16.

Oklahoma Conference.

MRS. J. N. BENNINGTON, Secretary.

General Fund.—From rent and tuition at Pawhuska, \$159.95.

Total, \$159.95.

Special General Fund.—*Emergency Fund.*—Mrs. A. L. Sims, Arapahoe, \$5; Mrs. Eliza Lamb Armour, Cantonment, \$5; Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Murray, Pawhuska, \$10. Total, \$20.

Total Special General Fund, \$20.00.

Grand total, 179.95.

Oregon Conference.

MRS. ALVIRA F. BENNETT, Treasurer.

General Fund.—EUGENE DISTRICT.—Ashland, \$7.75; Roseburg, \$4.

Total, \$11.75.

PORTLAND DISTRICT.—Forest Grove, \$2; Oregon City, \$2.25; Portland: Centenary, \$5; Central, \$8.75; First Church, \$13; Patton, \$5; Taylor Street, \$15.50; Trinity, \$1.75; Warrenton, \$1. Total, \$54.25.

SALEM DISTRICT.—Albany, \$13.75; Dayton, \$2; Salem, \$15.25; Conference Society, \$2. Total, \$33.

Mite-boxes—Portland: Trinity, 38 cents. Total, 38 cents.

Total General Fund, \$99.38.

Special General Fund.—*Emergency Fund.*—Portland: Taylor Street, \$12; Mrs. Laura A. Crauston, \$5. Total, \$17.

Total Special General Fund, \$17.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Stickney Home.*—Portland: Central, \$3; Mt. Tabor, \$9.39; East Patton, 60 cents; Taylor Street, \$5; Salem: First Church, \$25.60; without special credits, \$29.65. Total, \$73.24.

Total Beneficiary Fund, \$73.24.

Grand total, 189.62.

Philadelphia Conference.

MRS. I. DAILEY, Treasurer, Trevese, Bucks County, Pa.

General Fund.—NORTH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—East Allegheny, Circle, \$7; East Montgomery, \$7; Frankford, \$114.50; Philadelphia: Kensington, \$16.10; Fifth Street, \$18; Somerton, \$15; Summerfield, \$43.25.

Total, \$220.85.

NORTHWEST PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—Philadelphia: Germantown: First Church, \$57; Young Ladies, \$13.25; Grace, \$71; Park Avenue, \$58; Pottsville, Circle, \$22; Fifth, \$1; Kensington, \$8; St. Stephens', \$30.25; Simpson, Band, \$10; Thirteenth Street, \$16; Tioga, \$23; Trinity, \$37; Tabernacle, \$52.85. Total, \$399.35.

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—Philadelphia: Arch Street, \$45; Chester: Madison Street, \$43; Chester Heights, \$1; Ebenezer, \$18; Pros-

pect Park, \$9.50; Band, \$5; St. Paul's, \$2; South Chester, \$7.50; Wharton Street, \$34.20; Phoenixville, Circle, \$2. Total, \$167.20.

WEST PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—Philadelphia: Christ Church, \$61; Young Ladies, \$1.75; Circle, \$1.75; Fortieth Street, \$4; Green Street, \$34; Radnor, Circle, \$16; Spring Garden, \$75; Circle, \$5.98; Band, \$1; Thirteenth Avenue, \$12; S. Luke's, \$7. Total, \$219.48.

Leaflets, \$2. Total, \$2.

Mite-boxes.—Philadelphia: First Church, \$14.41. Total, \$14.41.

Mothers' Jewels, \$12.85. Total, \$12.85.

Reports, \$15. Total, \$15.

Total to General Fund, \$1,051.14.

Special General Fund.—Philadelphia: First Church, \$125; Park Avenue, \$11.33; anniversary collections, \$3.85; Germantown: First Church, \$75; Somerton, \$10. Total, \$225.18.

Emergency Fund.—Philadelphia: Arch Street, \$50; Chester, \$2; Christ Church, \$15; donations, \$25; First Church, \$16.80; Fortieth, \$10; Frankford, \$21; Grace, \$48; Greene Street, \$15; Indian Committee, \$10; Kensington, \$10; R. W. P. Goff, \$10; Mrs. Palen, \$10; Park Avenue, \$30; Siloam Band, \$5; Somerton, \$5; Spring Garden, \$10; Circle, \$2; Summerfield, \$5; St. Stephen's, \$11; Tabernacle, \$35; Thirteenth Street, \$5; Tioga, \$15. Total, \$365.80.

Total to Special General Fund, \$590.98.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school.*—Spring Garden, \$20; Tabernacle, \$5; donations, \$102. Total, \$127.

Ritter Home.—Grace, \$80; Spring Garden, Circle, \$10. Total, \$90.

Simpson Home.—Philadelphia: Arch Street Young Ladies, \$40; Grace, Band, \$40; Spring Garden, \$5. Total, \$86.

Watts de Peyster.—Germantown: Christ Church, Circle, \$30. Total, \$30.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$332.

Special Fund.—*Alaska.*—Chester: Madison Street, \$4. Total, \$4.

Asheville, Philadelphia.—Germantown: Christ Church, Circle, \$2.50; First Church, \$5; Kensington, \$5; Spring Garden Band, \$1.80; Circle, 70 cents; Young Ladies, \$10. Total, \$25.

Deaconess Home, Philadelphia.—Conference, \$2,679.18; endowment fund, \$90. (Vouchers.) Total, \$2,769.18.

Immigrant Home, Philadelphia.—Conference, \$497.84. (Vouchers.) Total, \$497.84.

Jesse Lee Home.—Spring Garden, Circle, 75 cents. Total, 75 cents.

Ponca.—Philadelphia: Green Street, \$2; Siloam Band, \$2; Tabernacle, \$3. Total, \$7.

Utah.—Spring Garden, Circle, \$10. Total, \$10.

Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school.—Christ Church, \$3; Northwest District, \$10. Total, \$13.

Total to Special Fund, \$3,326.77.

Grand total, 5,300.89.

Pittsburg Conference.

MRS. A. R. INGRAM, Treasurer, 12 Sampson Street, Allegheny, Pa.

General Fund.—**ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.**—Allegheny: Buena Vista Street, \$9.70; Beaver, \$29.01; Bellevue, \$15; Butler, \$65.50; Calvary, \$15; Circle, \$14; Linden Avenue, \$29.50; New Brighton, Circle, \$1.52; North Avenue, \$57.50; Circle, \$11; Sewickly, \$16; Sharpsburg, \$16.50; Tarentum, \$19; Union, \$27.25; Valencia Band, \$8.50. Total, \$334.98.

BLAIRSVILLE DISTRICT.—Apollo, \$7.75; Blairsville, \$31; Indiana, \$23.50; Kittanning, \$17; Latrobe, \$21.27; Mansion Centre, \$14; New Florence, Circle, \$3.50. Total, \$118.02.

McKEESPORT DISTRICT.—McKeesport: Coursin Street, \$8.50; First Church, \$139.50; Scottdale, \$46.75; Wakefield Chapel, \$2.50; West Newton, \$17.10. Total, \$214.35.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.—Pittsburg: Butler, \$58.87; Centenary, \$7.80; Christ Church, \$48.30; Crafton, \$14.25; Circle, \$3; Emory, \$31; Circle, \$18; Hamilton, \$2; Lincoln, \$8.50; Oakland, \$16.25; Smithfield Street, \$53; Washington Avenue, \$13; West End, \$17.50; Wilksburg, \$44.40; Band, \$4.75; Verona, \$11.50. Total, \$352.12.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.—Washington: Jefferson Avenue, \$71; Wellsburg Mission, \$5; Circle, \$4. Total, \$80.

Mothers' Jewels, \$13.15. Total, \$13.15.

Total General Fund, \$1,112.62.

Special General Fund.—*Missionary Salary, Ukiah, California.*—Pittsburg: Emory Church, \$20. Total, \$20.

Emergency Fund.—Allegheny: Bellevue, \$16.28; Blairsville, \$5; Buena Vista, \$10; Butler, \$5; Calvary, \$10; Indiana, \$10; Linden Avenue, \$20; North Avenue, Circle, \$5.50; McKeesport: First Church, \$30; New Florence, \$5; Pittsburg, through Miss Carnahan, \$15; Butler Street, \$30; Emory, \$45; Circle, \$10; Centenary, \$5; Christ Church, \$61; Lincoln Avenue, \$10; Smithfield Street, \$40; Scottdale, \$20; Sharpsburg, \$8; Washington, \$5; League, \$5; Wellsburg, Circle, \$5; West Newton, \$8.35; Wilksburg, \$65; League, \$5; through Conference Treasurer, \$15. Total, \$469.13.

Total to Special General Fund, \$489.13.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Jesse Lee Home.*—Allegheny: Calvary, \$10; North Avenue, Circle, \$8.50; Pittsburg: Butler, \$5; Emory, Circle, \$50; Scottdale, \$8; Washington: Jefferson Avenue, \$18; Circle, \$15; West Newton, \$6.45. Total, \$120.95.

King Home.—For Sarah Watson. Pittsburg: Smithfield Street, \$20. Total, \$20.

Ritter Home.—Washington: Jefferson Avenue, \$40; Wellsburg, \$26; Circle, \$4. Total, \$70.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$210.95.

Special Fund.—*Asheville.*—Pittsburg: Smithfield Street, \$10; Washington, Circle, \$5. Total, \$15.

Deaconess Home, Pittsburg.—Conference, \$986.80; voncher, \$255.61. Total, \$1,242.41.

Frontier Work.—Conference, \$30.21. Total, \$30.21.

Jesse Lee Home.—Pittsburg: Butler, \$10; Centenary, \$2; Scottdale, \$2.62. Total, \$14.62.

Ritter Home, Furnishing Cot.—Pittsburg: Christ Church, \$5; Centenary, \$1; Crafton, \$1; Linden Avenue, \$2; Wilksburg, \$1. Total, \$10.

Work in Coke Regions.—Conference, \$128.09. Total, \$128.09.

Total to Special Fund, \$1,440.33.

Grand total, 3,253.93.

Local Work, 647.58.

Puget Sound Conference.

MRS. W. S. HARRINGTON, Treasurer.

General Fund.—NEW WHATCOM DISTRICT.—New Whatcom: First Church, \$5.25; Trinity, \$12.75. Total, \$18.

OLYMPIA DISTRICT.—Aberdeen, \$6; Bay Center, \$4.50; Centralia, \$6.25; Chehalis, \$9.50; Cosmopolis, \$3.25; Fisher, \$8.50; Circle, \$1.35; Gray's River, \$10.50; Thank-offering, 55 cents; Mite-box, \$1; Monteseno, \$4; Vancouver: First Church, \$5.36; Willapa, \$3. Total, \$63.76.

SEATTLE DISTRICT.—Everett, \$6.65; Seattle: First Church, \$25; Grace, 76 cents; Trinity, \$3; Snohomish: First Church, \$5.50. Total, \$40.91.

TACOMA DISTRICT.—Oak Harbor, \$2.40; Tacoma: Epworth, Circle, \$10.75; First Church, \$6; without special credits, \$20.75. Total, \$39.90.

Mite-boxes, \$3.85. Total, \$3.85.

Total General Fund, \$166.42.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school.*—Bay Center, \$3; Everett, \$1; Gray's River, \$2.24; New Whatcom: Trinity, 25 cents; Seattle: First Church, \$5. Total, \$11.49.

Stickney Home.—Bay Center, \$3; Centralia, \$3; Chehalis, \$2.37; Everett, \$14.10; Gray's River, \$1.50; Monteseno, 55 cents; Snohomish, 20 cents; Tacoma: First Church, \$1.50; without special credits, \$12.25. Total, \$38.47.

Total Beneficiary Fund, \$49.96.

Grand total, 216.38.

Local Work, 90.50.

Rock River Conference.

MRS. MARY S. DYCHE, Treasurer, Evanston, Illinois.

General Fund.—CHICAGO DISTRICT.—Chicago: Auburn Park, \$22.50; Hyde Park, \$30; Light House, \$9; Mendota, \$13.50; Oakland, \$67; South Park Avenue, \$21.80. Total, \$163.80.

DIXON DISTRICT.—Dixon, \$25.30; Morrison, \$2.50; Princeton, \$25.50; Rock Falls, \$15.10; Sterling, \$20.50; Walnut, \$8.50. Total, \$97.40.

FREEPORT DISTRICT.—Freeport: Enosburg, \$22; First Church, \$24; Camp-meeting, \$8; Galena, \$7.50; Morris, \$12; Polo, \$27.05. Total, \$100.55.

JOLIET DISTRICT.—Aurora: First Church, \$27; Batavia, \$12; Joliet: Ottawa Street, \$25. Total, \$64.

NORTH CHICAGO DISTRICT.—Evanston: Emmanuel, \$31; First Church, \$119; Young Ladies, \$15.50; Chicago: Grace, \$25; Hemenway, \$39; Oak Park, \$37; Park Avenue, \$11; Rosenswood, \$49.88; Roger's Park, \$23; Waukegan, \$12; Wheaton, \$27; Western Avenue, \$12.50. Total, \$401.88.

ROCKFORD DISTRICT.—Belvidere, \$19.20; Charter Grove, \$8; Dundee, \$24.75; Elgin: First Church, \$47.50; Grace, \$33.67; Franklinville, \$14.25; Genoa, \$5.30; Marengo, \$10.75; Ney, \$9; Nunda, \$7.75; Rockford Union, \$73.50; Woodstock, \$6; District, \$4. Total, \$263.67.

Mothers' Jewels, \$27. Total, \$27.

Mite-boxes, \$54.06. Total, \$54.06.

Leaflet Fund, 50 cents. Total, 50 cents.

Total to General Fund, \$1,172.86.

Special General Fund.—*Teachers' Salaries.*—Evanston, Young Ladies, \$25; Western Avenue, \$20; mite-boxes, \$13.40. Total, \$58.40.

Emergency Fund.—Belvidere, \$15; Chicago: Auburn Park, \$15; Hyde Park, \$2.50; Park Avenue, \$3.45; Ravenswood, \$5; Western Avenue, \$25; Dixon, \$5; Elgin: First Church, \$5; Grace, \$25; Evanston: First Church, \$20; Young Ladies, \$19.60; Hemenway, \$8; Mrs. J. H. Bayliss, \$5; Freeport: Embury Church, \$20; Geneva, \$14.75; Galena, \$10; Morris, \$15; Oakland, \$25; Princeton, \$15; Rockford, \$5; Shirland, \$5; Waukegan, \$10; Wheaton, \$5. Total, \$278.30.

Total to Special General Fund, \$336.70.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Haven Home.*—Ravenswood, \$10. Total, \$10.
Jesse Lee Home.—Kenwood, \$25. Total, \$25.
Thayer Home.—Mrs. Simeon Farwell, \$40. Total, \$40.
 Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$75.

Special Fund.—*Frontier Work.*—Evanston: Emmanuel Church, \$15; Chicago: Western Avenue, \$5. Total, \$20.
E. E. Marcy Home.—Chicago, \$1,470.03. Total, \$1,470.03.
 Total to Special Fund, \$1,490.03.
 Grand total, 3,074.59.

St. Louis Conference.

MRS. E. J. TUTTLE, Treasurer, 1209 East Seventeenth Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

General Fund.—CARTHAGE DISTRICT.—Carthage, \$14. Total, \$14.
 FARMINGTON DISTRICT.—West Plains, \$4. Total, \$4.
 KANSAS CITY DISTRICT.—Kansas City, \$41.50; Dundee Place, \$6; Grand Avenue, \$23; Circle, \$10. Total, \$80.50.
 SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.—Springfield: Benton Avenue, \$7. Total, \$7.
Conference Gatherings, \$12. Total, \$12.
Mite-boxes: Kansas City, \$1.50. Total, \$1.50.
 Total to General Fund, \$119.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Harwood Home.*—Springfield: Benton Ave., \$8. Total, \$8.
 Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$8.00.
 Grand total, 127.00.
 Local Work, 40.00.

South Carolina Conference.

MRS. F. M. PRIESTLY, Treasurer, Greenville, South Carolina.

General Fund.—CHARLESTON DISTRICT.—Charleston: Centenary, \$3; Orangeburg: Trinity, \$11.25; without special credit, \$1.50. Total, \$15.75.
 GREENVILLE DISTRICT.—Greenville, \$19. Total, \$19.
 Total to General Fund, \$34.75.

Special General Fund.—*Emergency Fund.*—Mrs. A. A. Gordon, \$5. Total, \$5.
 Total Special General Fund, \$5.00.
 Grand total, 39.75.
 Local Work, 4.20.

South Kansas Conference.

MRS. M. V. ROBBINS, Treasurer, Baldwin, Kansas.

General Fund.—EMPORIA DISTRICT.—Emporia, \$23.90. Total, \$23.90.
 FORT SCOTT DISTRICT.—Fort Scott: First Church, \$10. Total, \$10.
 INDEPENDENCE DISTRICT.—Chetopia, \$17.65. Total, \$17.65.
 OTTAWA DISTRICT.—Baldwin, \$7.37; Garnett, \$9.85. Total, \$17.22.
Conference Society, \$3.76; *Conference Treasurer*, \$3. Total, \$6.76.
 Total to General Fund, \$75.53.

Special General Fund.—Special collections, 70 cents; mite-boxes, 24 cents. Total, 94 cents.

Emergency Fund.—Emporia: First Church, \$11; Emporia, thank-offering, \$11.75. Total, \$22.75.

Total to Special General Fund, \$23.69.
Grand total, 99.22.
Local Work, 19.27.

Southern California Conference.

MRS. L. M. HUTTON, Treasurer, 1007 W. Twenty-first Street, Los Angeles, California.

General Fund.—FRESNO DISTRICT.—Fresno, \$3; Circle, \$3.60; Hueneme, \$7.75; Reedley, \$8.50; Mite-boxes, \$1.50; Santa Barbara, \$18.75; Tulare, \$8.70; Waukena, \$10. Total, \$61.80.

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT.—Alhambra, \$13; Camp-meeting, \$3.27; Compton, \$12; Thank-offering, \$4; Florence, \$7.75; Gardena, \$3.25; Long Beach, \$21.05; Band, 53 cents; Los Angeles: Asbury, \$15.50; Boyle Heights, \$19.50; Circle, \$32; Central, \$23.90; Circle, \$11.25; Central Avenue, \$6.25; First Church, \$81; Circle, \$8.55; Thank-offering, \$12.25; Band, \$1.51; Haven, \$11.55; Simpson, \$19.50; Junior Epworth League, 72 cents; Pico, \$3; University, \$27.46; Band, \$1.03; Circle, \$15; Union Avenue, \$13; Vincent, \$19; Pasadena: First Church, \$77.80; Band, \$2.93; South, \$2; Band, \$3.44; Pomona, \$39; Saticoy and Montaloo, \$3. Total, \$514.99.

SAN DIEGO DISTRICT.—Arlington, \$8.50; Artesia, \$3.80; Covina, \$17.50; East Riverside, \$4.25; Escondido, \$11.95; Fall Brook, Band, 27 cents; Fullerton, \$1; Garden Grove, \$14.75; Glendora, \$17.65; Band, 60 cents; Highlands, \$10; Lordsburg, \$4; Circle, \$7.90; Nestor and Otay, \$3.20; Ontario, \$20; Band, \$4; Orange, \$8; Otay, Oneonta, and Nestor, \$4.20; Band, \$2.70; Persia, \$1.75; Band, \$1.50; Redlands, \$16.75; Band, \$3.75; Riverside, \$44.55; Band, \$1; Rialto, \$5; San Diego: First Church, \$24.85; Santa Ana, \$29.10; Circle, \$10.25; Westminster, \$7.52; Whittier, \$2; Winchester, \$6.50. Total, \$298.79.

Mothers' Jewels, \$1.90.

Total, \$1.90.

Total General Fund, \$877.48.

Special General Fund.—*Emergency Fund.*—Los Angeles: Asbury, \$5; Lordsburg, \$5; Ontario, \$10; Rialto, \$5; Santa Ana, \$25; San Diego: First Church, \$30; Mrs. Creary, \$5. Total, \$85.

Total Special General Fund, \$85.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Asheville.*—Santa Ana, \$20. Total, \$20.

Albuquerque.—Alhambra, \$10; Los Angeles: Central, \$1; Simpson, \$2. Total, \$13.

Total Beneficiary Fund, \$33.

Special Fund.—*Deaconess Work in Los Angeles.*—Vouchers, \$347.69.

Total, \$347.69.

Oriental Work in Los Angeles.—San Diego, \$40; Conference, \$772.52. (Vouchers.) Total, \$812.52.

Frontier Work.—(Vouchers.). \$551. Total, \$551.

Total Special Fund, \$1,711.21.

Grand total, 2,706.69.

Local Work, 20.00.

NOTE.—The Treasurer reports Special Fund for Deaconess Work, \$92, and for Frontier Work \$355.94, for which there are no vouchers, hence these sums are not included in the above report.

Southern Illinois Conference.

MRS. S. A. CRENSHAW, Treasurer, Wahenda, Illinois.

General Fund.—Carbondale, \$1.10; Conference gatherings, \$9; Lebanon, in memory of Miss Caroline Hypes, \$1. Total, \$11.10.

Total General Fund, \$11.10.

Grand total, 11.10.

Southwest Kansas Conference.

MRS. J. W. KIRKWOOD, Treasurer, 325 N. Lawrence Avenue, Wichita, Kans.

General Fund.—GARDEN CITY DISTRICT.—Dodge City, \$5. Total, \$5.

MCPHERSON DISTRICT.—Marion, \$10; Pleasant View, \$9.25.

Total, \$19.25.

NEWTON DISTRICT.—Elmer, \$3.75; Hutchinson, \$25.50; Mitchell, \$13.50; Newton, \$32.25; Mite-box, 30 cents; Nickerson, \$2; Sedgwick, \$10.75. Total, \$88.05.

WICHITA DISTRICT.—Coats, \$13; Garden Plain, \$5.25; Godard, \$2.25; Jamesburg, \$9; Mulvane, \$4.25; Seltzer, \$14; Wichita: Dodge Avenue, \$15.25; First Church, \$65.25; life-member, \$10. Total, \$138.25.

WINFIELD DISTRICT.—Arkansas City, \$17.50; Atlanta, \$1.75; Brownlow, \$1.75; Burden, \$4.25; Latham, \$1.75; Wellington, \$15.25; Winfield, \$13.50; mite-box, \$2.27. Total, \$58.02.

Leaflet Fund.—Seltzer, 25 cents.

Total, 25 cents.

Paid Conference Organizer, voucher, \$117.30.

Total, \$117.30.

Total General Fund, \$426.12.

Special General Fund.—*Emergency Fund.*—Arkansas City, \$5; Jamesburg, \$10; Seltzer, \$5; Mitchell, \$25. Total, \$45.

Missionary Salary.—Wellington, \$5.

Total, \$5.

Total Special General Fund, \$50.

Special Fund.—*Frontier Work.*—Voucher, \$35.

Total, \$35.

Total Special Fund, \$35.00.

Grand total, \$111.12.

Local Work, 54.35.

Tennessee Conference.

MISS ABBIE BARRY, Treasurer, Central Tennessee College, Nashville, Tenn.

General Fund.—Nashville: Central Tennessee College Auxiliary, \$6.

Total, \$6.

Special General Fund.—*Emergency Fund.*—Miss E. Millard, Philadelphia, \$5. Total, \$5.

Grand total, \$11.

Texas Conference.

MRS. J. B. SCOTT, Treasurer, Marshall, Texas.

General Fund.—HOUSTON DISTRICT.—Marshall: Trinity, \$12.

Total, \$12.

Total General Fund, \$12.

Emergency Fund.—Miss E. O. Elliott, \$5; Miss Clara L. King, \$5.

Total, \$10.

Total Emergency Fund, \$10.

Grand total, 22.

Troy Conference.

MISS HELENA IDE, Treasurer, 386 Fourth Avenue, Lansingburg, N. Y.

General Fund.—ALBANY DISTRICT.—Albany: First Church, \$36; Grace, \$21; St. Luke's, \$14; Trinity, \$75; Ash Grove, \$25; Greenbush, \$50; Rotterdam, \$5; Schenectady: First Church, \$21; State Street, \$14.

Total, \$261.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.—Bennington, \$21.75; Bristol, \$5; Burlington, \$76; Cambridge, \$10; Granville, \$25; Hinesburg, \$5; Middleburg, \$15; Pittsford, Circle, \$10; Poultney, \$26; Raceville, \$13; Rutland, \$28.50; Shelburne, \$12.

Total, \$247.25.

PLATTSBURG DISTRICT.—Fort Edward, \$15; Band, \$3; Glens Falls, \$50; Keesville, \$5; Plattsburg, \$35; Moriah, \$6; South Glens Falls, \$10; Saranac Lake, \$1; Westport, \$19.

Total, \$144.

SARATOGA DISTRICT.—Ballston, \$6; Cohoes: Remsen Street, \$14; Galway, \$1.50; Gloversville: First Church, \$98; Fremont Street, \$67; N. Main Street, \$19.50; Green Island, \$20; Circle, \$5; Greenwich, \$47; Johnstown: Men's Auxiliary, \$30; Jonesville, \$26; Circle, \$7; Mechanicsville, \$30; Newtonville, \$12; Round Lake, \$25; Saratoga, \$26; Circle, \$20.10; Willow Glen, \$4.50.

Total, \$458.60.

TROY DISTRICT.—Dalton, \$14.50; Hoosick Falls, \$9; Lansingburg: First Church, \$44; Hedding Church, \$18.25; North Adams, \$34; North Nassau, \$7; Pittsfield, \$35; Troy: Fifth Avenue, \$50; State Street, \$38; Valley Falls, \$15.25.

Total, \$265.

Mothers' Jewels, \$2.40.

Total, \$2.40.

Total General Fund, \$1,378.25.

Special General Fund.—Albany: Ash Grove, \$5; St. Luke's, \$7; Dalton, \$5; Greenbush, \$55; Greenwich, \$5; Gloversville: N. Main Street, \$3; Bennington, \$2; Hoosick Falls, \$2; Jonesville, \$2; North Adams, \$22.86; Lansingburg, \$25; Round Lake, \$22; Schenectady, \$3.60; Troy: Fifth Avenue, \$50; State Street, \$14.89; Shelbourne, \$1.18; Valcom: Epworth League, \$3; Watervliet, \$10; Middleburg, \$1.61; Schenectady, \$31.

Total, \$271.14.

Emergency Fund.—Albany: Ash Grove, \$17; First Church, \$25; St. Luke's, \$8; Burlington, \$11; Dalton, \$5; Glens Falls, \$10; a friend, \$10; Mrs. Mary Russell, \$5; Gloversville: First Church, \$48.19; Fremont Street, \$5; Greenbush, \$5; Greenwich, \$10; Lansingburg: First Church, \$60; Hedding Church, \$5; Schuylerville, \$5; North Adams, \$15; Pittsfield, \$20; Plattsburg, \$35.33; Stillwater, \$5; Round Lake, \$10; Troy: Fifth Avenue, \$40; State Street, \$10; Watervliet: Third Avenue, \$3.87; West Point, \$10.

Total, \$378.39.

Total Special General Fund, \$649.53.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Alaska.*—Glens Falls, \$50.

Total, \$50.

Dulce.—Albany: St. Luke's, \$5; Brandon, \$1; Clifton Park, \$10; Greenbush, \$60; Greenwich, \$2.40; Plattsburg, \$10; Poultney, \$3.03; Riceville, \$3.49; Troy: Fifth Avenue, \$30; State, \$1.

Total, \$125.92.

Kent Home.—Gloversville: First Church, \$40.

Total, \$40.

Jesse Lee Home.—Albany: Ash Grove, \$5; Conference, \$45.

Total, \$50.

New Jersey Home.—Gloversville: Fremont Street, \$31; Johnstown: Men's Auxiliary, \$25; Lansingburg: Hedding Church, \$11; Round Lake, \$20; Troy: State Street, \$20; Williamstown, \$5.

Total, \$112.

Ritter Home.—Burlington, \$20; Burlington District, \$12.50; Cambridge, \$6; Rutland, \$5.

Total, \$43.50.

Watts de Peyster.—Gloversville: First Church, \$5; Greenwich, \$5;

Lansingburg: First Church, \$5; Hedding, \$5; Mechanicsville, \$5; Tivoli, \$20; Troy: Fifth Avenue, \$17.87; Williamston, \$5. Total, \$67.87.

Oriental Work.—Conference, \$30.

Total, \$30.

Total Beneficiary Fund, \$519.29.

Special Fund.—*Alaska*.—Valley Falls, \$5.

Total, \$5.

Albuquerque.—Gloversville: First Church, \$50; Plattsburg District, \$50.

Total, \$100.

Dulce.—A friend, through Mrs. Simpson, \$30.

Total, \$30.

Frontier Work.—Galway, voucher, \$3.50.

Total, \$3.50.

Haven Home.—Valley Falls, \$5.

Total, \$5.

Jesse Lee Home.—Poultney: T. C. A., \$5.

Total, \$5.

Immigrant Home, N. Y.—Troy: Fifth Avenue, \$20.

Total, \$20.

Navajoes.—Albany: Grace, \$5; St. Luke's, \$15; Poultney, \$5; Stillwater: First Avenue, \$5.

Total, \$30.

Rest Home.—Conference, \$3; Ballston, \$10; Cohoes, \$1; Johnstown:

Men's Auxiliary, \$1.

Total, \$15.

Total Special Fund, \$213.50.

Grand total, 2,760.57.

Local Work, 1,054.11.

Upper Iowa Conference.

Mrs. R. B. VAN NESS, Treasurer, Marion, Iowa.

To General Fund.—CEDAR FALLS DISTRICT.—Cedar Falls, \$38; Clarksville, \$15.75; Greene, \$14.25; Janesville, \$12; La Porte City, \$16.25; Band, \$6; Nashua, \$6.50; Band, \$4.17; Raymond, \$21.35; Rockford, \$7.25; Shell Rock, \$14.60; Sumner, \$11.25; Waterloo: First Church, \$44; Grace, \$40; Waverly, \$19.25. Total, \$270.62.

CEDAR RAPIDS DISTRICT.—Anamosa, \$40.53; Cedar Rapids, \$68.75; Iowa City, \$52.20; Marion, \$16.25; Mechanicsville, \$22.25; Mt. Vernon, \$63.62; Prairie Chapel, \$17.25; Simpson Chapel, \$13.98; Springville, \$12.25; Tipton, \$33.20; Traer, \$13.75; Wesley Chapel, \$3.25. Total, \$357.28.

DAVENPORT DISTRICT.—Bennett, \$5.50; Center Junction, \$13; Clinton, \$37; Davenport: First Church, \$34; Fourteenth Street, \$12; De Witt, \$11; Elwood, \$4.50; Maquoketa, \$37.50; McCausland, \$6; Vernon Prairie, \$10.25; Wyoming, \$20. Total, \$190.75.

DECORAH DISTRICT.—Charles City, \$45.50.

Total, \$45.50.

DUBUQUE DISTRICT.—Delhi, \$4.25; Dubuque, \$53; Edgewood, \$8.50; Epworth, \$21.50; Farley, \$16.65; Fayette, \$29.50; Greeley, \$14; Hopkinton, \$14; Independence, \$12.50; Johns Creek, \$11; Lamont, \$15.05; Manchester, \$74.75; Prairie Center, \$10; Strawberry Point, \$3.50; Winthrop, \$12. Total, \$300.20.

MARSHALLTOWN DISTRICT.—Belle Plaine, \$26; Blairstown, \$6; Hampton, \$51.50; Haven, \$10; Mason City, \$47.91; Circle, \$3; Sheffield, \$13.40; State Center, \$5. Total, \$162.81.

Leaflet Fund, \$1.50.

Total, \$1.50.

Mothers' Jewels, \$2.60.

Total, \$2.60.

Total to General Fund, \$1,331.26.

Special General Fund.—*Emergency Fund*.—Davenport: First Church, \$5; Dubuque, \$5.31; Fayette, \$10; Independence, \$8.50; Iowa City, \$30; Janesville, \$5; Maquoketa, \$15; Marshalltown, \$5; Mt. Vernon, \$11.50; Vernon Prairie, \$5; Waterloo: First Church, \$10; Waverly, \$5; Winthrop, \$5; Wyoming, \$5. Total, \$125.31.

Teachers' Salaries.—Anamosa, \$12; Belle Plaine, \$5; Blairstown, \$5; Center Junction, \$5; Charles City, \$10; Clinton, \$30; Davenport: First

Church, \$25; Fourteenth Street, \$10; DeWitt, \$4.50; Dubuque, \$20; Epworth, \$5; Hopkinton, \$5; Independence, \$11.35; Iowa City, \$24.15; Johns Creek, \$6.60; Lamont, \$11; Manchester, 10.40; Maquoketa, \$10; Marion, \$8.15; Mason, \$13.36; Mt. Vernon, \$10; Prairie Center, \$5; Raymond, \$13.48; Rockford, \$14.25; Sheffield, \$5; Shell Rock, \$2.25; Simpson Chapel, \$6.87; Springville, \$5.68; State Center, \$7; Tipton, \$15; Traer, \$5; Vernon Prairie, \$10; Waterloo: First Church, \$19.75; Grace, \$13.54; Waverly, \$10. Total, \$374.33.

Total to Special General Fund, \$499.64.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Boylan Home.*—Anamosa, \$9.40. Total, \$9.40.
Haven Home.—Anamosa, \$9. Total, \$9.
Bennett Home.—Cedar Rapids, \$33. Total, \$33.
King Home.—Anamosa, \$10.47. Total, \$10.47.
Jesse Lee Home.—Davenport: First Church, \$22; Fourteenth Street, \$20; Dubuque, \$15; Hopkinton, 60 cents; Charles City, \$5; La Porte City, \$10; District Camp-meeting, \$15. Total, \$87.60.
Emerson Home.—Anamosa, \$15.25. Total, \$15.25.
Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school.—Anamosa, \$3.75; Belle Plaine, \$8.05; Cedar Falls, \$15; Charles City, \$20.75; Center Junction, \$8.40; Davenport: First Church, \$10; Fourteenth Street, \$8.30; Grace, \$4; Dubuque, \$35.46; Edgewood, \$5; Epworth, \$6; Fayette, \$5.65; Greeley, \$6; Hampton, \$5.44; Hopkinton, \$3.70; Iowa City, \$22; Lamont, \$5; Laporte City, \$2.75; Manchester, \$15.36; Marion, \$2.50; Mason City, \$13.28; Mechanicsville, \$3; Prairie Center, \$5; Rockford, \$2.24; Shell Rock, \$2.25; Springville, \$7.50; State Center, \$3; Traer, \$4.35; Waterloo: First Church, \$15.25; Grace, \$4; Waverly, \$2; Wesley Chapel, \$5; Wyoming, \$5; without special credit, \$17.10. Total, \$282.08.

Oriental Work.—Charles City, \$5; Hopkinton, 50 cents; Dubuque, \$15. Total, \$20.50.

Utah.—Hopkinton, 50 cents; Prairie Center, \$5; Vernon Prairie, \$5.70; Waterloo: Grace, \$4; Wesley Chapel, \$4.75; Wyoming, \$5.65. Total, \$25.60.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$492.90.

Special Fund.—*Deaconess Home.*—Des Moines, \$76.83. Total, \$76.83.

E. E. Marcy Home.—Iowa City, 50 cents. Total, 50 cents.

Mothers' Jewels Home.—Sumner, \$12.50. Total, \$12.50.

Total to Special Fund, \$89.83.

Grand total, 2,413.63.

Utah Mission.

General Fund.—Corinne, 75 cents; Salt Lake City: First Church, \$26; rent of Spencer Home, \$4.20. Total, \$30.95.

Total General Fund, \$30.95.

Special General Fund.—*Emergency Fund.*—Mrs. M. E. Spence, \$5; Mrs. Jennie M. Hanson, \$5; Miss Melissa Briggs, \$5. Total, \$15.

Total Emergency Fund, \$15.00.

Grand total, 45.95.

Vermont Conference.

MRS. F. W. LEWIS, Treasurer, Bellows Falls, Vermont.

General Fund.—MONTPELIER DISTRICT.—Ascutneyville, \$12; Bellows Falls, \$32.50; Bradford, \$18; Brownsville, \$4; Claremont Junction Camp-meeting, \$4.50; Gayville, \$1; Hartland, \$6.55; Montpelier, \$27; Circle, \$2.50; Northfield, \$4; Randolph Center, \$3; South Londonderry, \$1; Wilmington, \$3.25. Total, \$119.30.

ST. ALBANS DISTRICT.—Enosburg Falls, \$16; Fairfax, \$8; Franklin, \$3.50; Georgia, \$3.50; North Fairfax, \$3; Richford, \$3.80; St. Albans, \$21.50; Waitsfield, \$4; Waterbury, \$2; West Enosburg, \$2. Total, \$67.30.

ST. JOHNSBURY DISTRICT.—Barre, \$15; Cabot, \$9; Groton, \$5; Irasburg, Circle, \$2; Newport, \$1; Plainfield, \$7.50; St. Johnsbury, \$15; St. Johnsbury Center, \$7; Williamstown, \$13.25; Circle, \$6.50; without special credits, \$19.22; Conference gatherings, \$50.91. Total, \$151.38.

Mite-boxes, \$19.42. Total, \$19.42.

Mothers' Jewels, \$2.40. Total, \$2.40.

Bequests.—Susan J. Spencer, St. Johnsbury, \$50; Frederick A. Ely, West Windsor, \$500. Total, \$550.

Total General Fund, \$909.80.

Special General Fund.—Irasburg, \$2; Randolph Center, \$5; St. Johnsbury, \$25; to make Mrs. H. F. Forest a life member, \$20; a friend, \$25. Total, \$77.

Emergency Fund.—Burlington, \$5; Irasburg, \$4; Mrs. P. N. Granger, \$5; Plainfield, \$5; Northfield, \$15; St. Albans, \$10; St. Johnsbury Center, \$5; West Burke, \$5; West Enosburg, \$5; Williamstown, \$4; Circle, \$1.50. Total, \$64.50.

Total Special General Fund, \$141.50.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Haven Home.*—Enosburg Falls, Mrs. F. A. Irish, \$10, voucher. Total, \$10.

Jesse Lee Home.—Brownsville, Junior League, \$3; Irasburg, Circle, \$4.25; other sources, \$8.25. Total, \$15.50.

Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school.—Bellows Falls, \$5; Bradford, \$1.25; Bakerfield, \$1; Claremont Junction Camp-meeting, \$2; Sheldon Camp-meeting, \$3.75. Total, \$13.

Simpson Home.—A friend, \$25. Total, \$25.

Stickney Home.—Without special credits, \$10.25; Williamstown, \$2. Total, \$12.25.

Cabot, \$2; Barton, \$7.15; Bellows Falls, \$5; Bradford, \$2.55; Enosburg Falls, \$6; Georgia, \$1.65; Miltonboro, \$1; Montpelier, \$3.20; North Fairfax, \$3.35; Northfield, \$2.10; Plainfield, \$1; St. Johnsbury, \$5; Waterbury, \$13; Trustees of Conference, \$7. Total, \$60.

Of the above amount \$30 is for Stickney Home, and \$30 for Jesse Lee Home.

Total Beneficiary Fund, \$135.75.

Special Fund.—*Deaconess Work.*—Conference, \$86.39, voucher.

Total, \$86.39.

Grand total, \$1,273.44.

West Nebraska Conference.

MRS. G. F. COOK, Treasurer, 1719 Avenue B, Kearney, Neb.

General Fund.—KEARNEY DISTRICT.—Kearney, \$14.75; Loup City, \$4; Sumner, \$1; Thank-offering, 90 cents. Total, \$20.65.

NORTH PLATTE DISTRICT.—Loup City, \$9.75; District, \$3; Conference Fund, \$13. Total, \$25.75.

Total General Fund, \$46.40.

Special Fund.—*Mothers' Jewels Home.*—Indianola, \$5; Ogallala, \$11.21; Orleans, \$2; without special credits, by voucher, \$14.56. Total, \$32.77.

Total Special Fund, \$32.77.

Grand total, 79.17.

West Texas Conference.

MRS. E. S. SPRIGGS, Treasurer, San Antonio, Texas.

General Fund.—AUSTIN DISTRICT.—Austin; Wesley Chapel, \$6.05; Belton, \$3; Burnett, 50 cents; Liberty Hill, \$1; Lockhart, \$1.50; Salem 50 cents; Simpson Mission, \$1; Union Hill, 50 cents. Total, 14.05.

COLUMBUS DISTRICT.—Alleytown, \$2.50; Columbus, \$1.60; Edna 50 cents; Flatonia, \$1.70; Circle, \$1.10; La Grange, \$1; Navidad, 50 cents; Oakland, \$1; Victoria, \$1; Weimar, \$1; Weldon, \$1. Total, \$12.90.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT.—Cuero, \$3; Elm Slough, \$1.30; Goliad, \$2; San Antonio: St. Paul's, \$4.45. Total, \$10.75.

WACO DISTRICT.—Calvert, \$3; Marlin, \$2; Waco: St. James, \$3. Total, \$8.

Mothers' Jewels.—Alleytown, 50 cents; Austin: Wesley Chapel, 65 cents; Cuero, 50 cents. Total, \$1.65.

Total General Fund, \$47.35.

Special Fund.—*West Texas Conference Training-school.*—Austin: Wesley Chapel, \$20; Flatonia, \$11.75; San Antonio: St. Paul's, \$20; Conference, \$6. Total, \$57.75.

Total Special Fund, \$57.75.

Grand total, 105.10.

Local Work, 8.50.

West Virginia Conference.

MISS FLORENCE LOWTHER, Sistersville, West Virginia.

General Fund.—Sistersville, through Florence Lowther, \$12.75. Total, \$12.75.

Total General Fund, \$12.75.

Emergency Fund.—Mrs. E. E. Stowe, Wheeling, \$5. Total, \$5.

Total Emergency Fund, \$5.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Jesse Lee Home.*—Wellsburg, Epworth League, \$2. Total, \$2.

Total Beneficiary Fund, \$2.00.

Grand total, 19.75.

West Wisconsin Conference.

MRS. H. W. TROY, Treasurer, Platteville, Wisconsin.

General Fund.—ASHLAND DISTRICT.—Brown, \$5. Total, \$5.

EAU CLAIRE DISTRICT.—Augusta, \$6.75; Barron, \$12.10; Bay City, \$6; Eau Claire: Lake Street, \$27.50; mite-boxes, \$4; Fairchild, \$2; Hammond, \$10.75; Hudson, \$21; mite-boxes, \$4.30; Merrillon, \$2.30; Wheaton, \$2.75; Whitehall, \$1.25. Total, \$100.70.

LA CROSSE DISTRICT.—Baraboo, \$25; North Freedom, \$1. Total, \$26.

MADISON DISTRICT.—Madison, \$17; Prairie du Sac, \$1; Richland Center, \$1; Verona, \$9.25. Total, \$28.25.

PLATTEVILLE DISTRICT.—Dodgeville, \$9.99; Fenimore, \$9.25; Platteville, \$40. Total, \$59.24.

Total General Fund, \$219.19.

Special General Fund.—Baraboo, \$3.50; Dodgeville, \$3; Hudson, \$5; Verona, \$1.55. Total, \$13.05.

Emergency Fund.—Augusta, \$5; Baraboo: First Church, \$5; to make Ada M. Burnhame a life-member, \$20; Eau Claire: Lake Street, \$5; Hudson, \$8.01; Platteville, \$16. Total, \$59.01.

Total Special General Fund, \$72.06.

Beneficiary Fund.—*King Home.*—Platteville, \$40. Total, \$40.
Total Beneficiary Fund, \$40.

Special Fund.—*Deaconess Work.*—Eau Claire: Lake Street, \$12;
Hudson, \$25. Total, \$37.
Mothers' Jewels Home.—Platteville, mite-boxes, \$4. Total, \$4.
Total Special Fund, \$41.00.
Grand total, 372.25.
Local Work, 7.22.

Wilmington Conference.

MRS. E. J. ROBINSON, Treasurer, 905 West Street, Wilmington, Delaware.

General Fund.—DOVER DISTRICT.—Dover, \$9.25. Total, \$9.25.
EASTON DISTRICT.—Chestertown, \$18; Middletown, \$29.50.

Salisbury District.—Salisbury, \$25; Snow Hill, \$11. Total, \$47.50.
WILMINGTON DISTRICT.—Elkston, \$28; Newark, \$12; Band, \$10.75;
New Castle, \$44.21; Band, \$6.25; Port Deposit, \$17.50; Rising Sun, \$21;
Scott, \$52.75; Band, \$19.21; Silverbrook, \$4; Wilmington: Asbury, \$35.75;
Epworth, \$28; Grace, \$102; Band, \$11.25; St. Paul, \$50.75; Band, \$5.80;
Union, \$51.25. Total, \$500.47.

Mothers' Jewels, \$24.80. Total, \$24.80.
Mite-boxes, \$88.93. Total, \$88.93.

Total to General Fund, \$706.95.

Special General Fund.—*Emergency Fund.*—New Castle, Band, \$5;
Wilmington District, \$10; Wilmington: Grace, \$30. Total, \$45.

Total to Special General Fund, \$45.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Harwood Home.*—Salisbury, \$10. Total, \$10.
Jesse Lee Home.—Salisbury, \$35; Wilmington: St. Paul's, \$5; Grace,
Band, \$50. Total, \$90.

Peck Home.—Elkston, \$3; Wilmington: Grace, League, \$10. Total, \$13.

Ritter Home.—Wilmington: Grace, League, \$5; Salisbury: Grace, \$5. Total, \$10.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$123.

Special Fund.—*Deaconess Home, Wilmington.*—Conference, \$37.02. Total, \$37.02.

Jesse Lee Home.—Wilmington: St. Paul's, \$2. Total, \$2.

Oriental Work.—Wilmington: St. Paul's, \$3. Total, \$3.

Rest Home.—Conference, \$20.50. Total, \$20.50.

Speedwell.—Wilmington: Asbury, \$5; St. Paul's, \$5. Total, \$10.

Mothers' Jewels Home.—Wilmington: Grace, \$4. Total, \$4.

Total to Special Fund, \$76.52.

Grand total, 951.47.

Local Work, 591.35.

Wisconsin Conference.

MRS. G. F. REYNOLDS, Treasurer, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

General Fund.—APPLETON DISTRICT.—Appleton, \$41; Stevens Point,
Conference member, \$1. Total, \$42.

FOND DU LAC DISTRICT.—Fond du Lac: Cotton Street, \$5.70; Band,
\$1; Circle, \$1; Division Street, \$8.30; Sheboygan, \$22.20; mite-box, \$2;
Waupun, \$17.75; York, \$27.50. Total, \$85.45.

MILWAUKEE DISTRICT.—Milwaukee: Trinity, \$5; Washington Avenue, \$23. Total, \$28.

OSHKOSH DISTRICT.—Oshkosh: Algona Street, \$21; First Church, \$26; Rev. Sanford, \$1. Total, \$48.

Total General Fund, \$203.45.

Special General Fund.—Oshkosh: Algona Street, thank-offering, \$7.73; Mrs. R. W. Bates, \$5. Total, \$12.73.

Emergency Fund.—Appleton, \$10; Milwaukee: Washington Avenue, \$5. Total, \$15.

Total Special General Fund, \$27.73.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Jesse Lee Home.*—Sheboygan, Young People's Society Christian Endeavor, \$17. Total, \$17.

Total Beneficiary Fund, \$17.00.

Grand total, 248.18.

Local Work, 57.32.

Wyoming Conference.

MRS. FRED. H. HASKINS, Treasurer, 121 Murray Street, Binghamton, N. Y.

General Fund.—BINGHAMTON DISTRICT.—Binghamton: Centenary, \$85; Band, \$3.25; Chenango Street, \$20.25; High Street, \$24.75; Tabernacle, \$86.50; Susquehanna, \$9. Total, \$228.75.

CHENANGO DISTRICT.—Mt. Upton, \$5.50; Norwich, \$17.75; Oxford, \$12; collections, \$2. Total, \$37.25.

HONESDALE DISTRICT.—Carbondale, \$18.25; Dunmore, \$16; Band, \$1; Hawley, \$24.81; Jermyan, \$41.75. Total, \$101.81.

ONEONTA DISTRICT.—Milford, \$5.50; Mt. Vision, \$5; Sidney, \$4. Total, \$14.50.

OWEGO DISTRICT.—Newark Valley, \$17.25; Owego, \$14.75; Waverly, \$17.75. Total, \$49.75.

WYOMING DISTRICT.—Kingston, \$41.75; Nanticoke, \$19.50; Scranton: Elm Park, \$71; Providence, \$10.50; Simpson, \$48; Tunkhannock, \$13.75; Band, \$1.50; West Pittston, \$34; Wilkesbarre: Central, \$45; First Church, \$36; Circle, \$11.19. Total, \$332.19.

Mile-boxes, \$13.07. Total, \$13.07.

Mothers' Jewels, \$29.40. Total, \$29.40.

Total General Fund, \$806.72.

Special General Fund.—*Salaries.*—Wilkesbarre, Pa., Mrs. Bennett, \$250; Wilkesbarre: Central, \$9.50; First Church, \$80; Binghamton: Centenary, \$25; Kingston, \$20; Tunkhannock, \$6.10; West Pittston, \$2. Total \$592.60.

Emergency Fund.—Ariel, \$2; Binghamton, Band, \$10; Tabernacle, \$35; Brooklyn, \$3; Luzerne, \$1; North Sandford, \$2; McDonough, \$1; Owego, \$5; Taylor, \$1; Throop, \$1; Scranton: Elm Park, \$24; Union, \$1; Vestal, \$1; West Pittston, \$15; Wilkesbarre: Central, \$16; First Church, \$10; Lucy W. Dodson, \$5; Circle, through Grace Derr, \$5. Total, \$138.

Total Special General Fund, \$530.60.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Jesse Lee Home.*—Binghamton: Tabernacle, \$21.50; Newark Valley, \$14; Nanticoke, \$2; Scranton: Simpson, \$13.28. Total, \$50.78.

Total Beneficiary Fund, \$50.78.

Special Fund. — <i>Asheville</i> .—Binghamton: Centenary, \$50. Total, \$50.	
<i>Bennett Home</i> .—West Pittston, \$25; Wilkesbarre: First Church, \$125; Mrs. Bennett, \$50. Total, \$200.	
<i>Harwood Home</i> .—Binghamton: Centenary, \$15. Total, \$15.	
<i>Immigrant Home, New York</i> .—Binghamton: Tabernacle, \$9; Scranton: Providence, \$6; Susquehanna, \$7; Tunkhannock, \$3.54. Total, \$25.54.	
<i>Jesse Lee Home</i> .—Binghamton: Tabernacle, \$5. Total, \$5.	
<i>Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school</i> .—Binghamton: Chenango Street, \$5; District meeting, \$13; Hawley, \$8.56; Scranton: Simpson, \$25; Tunkhannock, \$7.53. Total, \$59.09.	
<i>Navajoes</i> .—Binghamton: Centenary, \$15; Tabernacle, \$9; Norwich, \$1.78. Total, \$25.78.	
<i>Rest Home, Ocean Grove</i> .—Binghamton: Centenary, \$6; Tabernacle, \$3; District-meeting, \$3.70. Total, \$12.70.	
<i>Utah</i> .—Binghamton: Tabernacle, \$40.50; Tunkhannock, \$10. Total, \$50.50.	
<i>Watts de Peyster</i> .—Scranton: Elm Park, \$75. Total, \$75.	
Total Special Fund,	\$518.61.
Grand total,	1,906.71.
Local Work,	787.10.

Other Sources.

General Fund.—Alabama Conference, \$6.50; Atlanta, \$1; advertisements in Annual Report, \$18; a Mothers' Jewel, 10 cents; annuity, a friend, \$5; Austin, Texas, \$1; Arapahoe, 10 cents; bequest of Maria P. Webster, Leominster, Mass., \$500; Blue Ridge Conference, \$14; Central Alabama, \$1; Central Tennessee Conference, \$2; Corinne, Utah, \$2; Curtis & Jennings, from Conferences, \$16; East Tennessee Conference, \$3; Eaton & Mains, from Conferences, \$15.78; excess of salary of Miss Thornborough, \$2.50; excess of travel of Miss Quale, \$3.50; Haven Home, insurance, \$323.81; Holston Conference, \$5; insurance on Peck Home, \$5.475; gifts, through Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, \$172.81; gift from a friend, \$3; Lexington, \$4; lunches at Board-meeting, \$1.37; Mrs. Ampt, sale of mite-boxes, \$33.89; Mississippi, \$6; Mrs. J. S. Spencer, to make Helen M. Tipple a life-member, \$20; North Indiana, \$9; Pawhuska, rent and tuition, \$76.10; Plainville camp-meeting, \$6; St. Louis German Conference, \$32; sale of Annual Reports, \$20.46; St. Mary's, Ga., \$1; Tennessee Conference, \$3; through Frank H. Rogers, Lawrenceville, Ga., \$2; Washington Conference, \$32; Wellsboro, Pa., \$13; White Hall, N. Y., 10 cents; Western Norwegian and Danish Conference, \$5; without special credits, 70 cents; vouchers, \$114.

Total General Fund, \$7,475.72.

Special General Fund.—*Emergency Fund*.—Miss Minnie P. Browne, \$5; Mrs. Sarah N. Eddy, \$20; Misses C. M. Buckbee and Lizzie Welch, Ocala, Fla., \$10; Miss Marguerite Tripp, Las Cruces, \$5; Miss Ida Lewis, Kent Home, \$5; Miss Florence Jackman, Bennett Home, \$5; Mrs. S. M. Lewis, Haven Home, \$5; Miss Viola Baldwin, \$5; Agenora Fairfield, Methuen, Mass., \$5; Mrs. Frances A. Barrie, Waterbury, Conn., \$5; "His Servant Trusts," North Charleston, N. H., \$5; Mrs. Miller, Ft. Simcoe, \$10.

Total Special General Fund, \$85.

Beneficiary Fund. — <i>Dulce</i> .—Oxford, O., \$2.	Total, \$2.
<i>E. L. Rust Home</i> .—Income of Home, \$40.75.	Total, \$40.75.
<i>King Home</i> .—Income of Home, \$55.40.	Total, \$55.40.
<i>Peck Home</i> .—Income of Home, \$8.35.	Total, \$8.35.
<i>Stickney Home</i> .—Thousand Island Park, \$43.	Total, \$43.
Total Beneficiary Fund,	\$149.50.
 Special Fund. — <i>Alaska</i> .—Through Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, \$100.	Total, \$100.
<i>Asheville</i> .—Mrs. Marriage Allen, London, England, \$2,000.	Total, \$2,000.
<i>Browning Home</i> .—Income of Home, \$645.	Total, \$645.
<i>King Home</i> .—Fairfield, Ia., \$3.65; Weymouth Center, \$5.	Total, \$8.65.
<i>Peck Home</i> .—Sale of remains of fire, \$90.	Total, \$90.
<i>Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school</i> .—Sale of memoirs, \$7.	Total, \$7.
<i>Frontier Work</i> .—Through Mrs. Fisk, \$77.19.	Total, \$77.19.
Total Special Fund,	\$2,927.84.
Grand total,	10,638.06.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

CONFERENCES.		GENERAL FUNDS.		SPECIAL GENERAL FUNDS.		BENEFICIARY.	SPECIAL FUND.	TOTALS.	LOCAL WORK.
				Salaries.	Emergency.				
Baltimore.....	\$1,884 00			\$426 77	\$145 00	\$592 35	\$5,192 98	\$8,241 10	\$329 71
California.....	590 54			.....	92 50	.....	1,301 72	1,984 76	.....
Central Illinois.....	106 85			.....	50 00	45 00	.....	201 85	.....
Central Missouri.....	8 65			.....	5 00	.....	.....	13 65	.....
Central New York.....	1,656 82			117 87	432 57	153 81	318 65	2,679 72	89 58
Central Ohio.....	1,207 16			192 70	242 69	96 20	491 90	2,233 65	.....
Central Pennsylvania.....	862 19			161 60	250 00	311 25	141 16	1,726 20	565 40
Cincinnati.....	1,683 05			54 25	471 27	305 65	1,902 32	4,116 54	.....
Colorado.....	422 54			.....	72 50	78 65	244 44	818 13	.....
Columbia River.....	70 25			.....	.....	.....	.....	70 25	.....
Des Moines.....	185 51			.....	31 25	26 45	834 07	1,077 28	.....
Detroit.....	2,367 35			9 00	320 00	119 49	2,993 02	5,868 86	1,621 31
East Maine.....	33 50			.....	.....	.....	.....	33 50	.....
East Ohio.....	1,476 57			149 74	209 82	323 30	845 52	3,004 95	.....
East Tennessee.....	70 15			.....	.....	.....	.....	70 15	.....
Erie.....	1,081 34			73 04	265 15	245 66	366 29	2,031 48	192 44
Florida.....	79 69			.....	.....	.....	10 00	89 69	.....
Genesee.....	1,491 28			59 86	148 22	138 00	1,239 14	3,076 50	223 60
Holston.....	94 39			.....	45 00	.....	653 58	792 97	106 38
Idaho.....	8 00			.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00	.....
Illinois.....	632 15			35 27	147 32	.....	556 31	1,371 05	59 58
Indiana.....	653 03			.....	35 00	113 50	367 55	1,169 08	83 25
Iowa.....	452 55			21 92	25 00	202 08	49 50	841 05	.....
Kansas.....	238 80			2 44	55 97	103 50	134 79	535 50	46 80
Kentucky.....	77 93			.....	45 00	.....	.....	122 93	10 00
Little Rock.....	1 00			.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....
Louisiana.....	47 02			.....	.....	.....	5 00	52 02	.....
Maine.....	1,048 44			28 18	20 50	54 25	24 71	1,176 08	.....
Michigan.....	1,658 53			311 90	179 25	200 80	338 37	2,688 85	.....
Minnesota and Minnesota Northern.....	211 50			17 57	109 70	477 72	5 00	821 49	.....
Missouri.....	101 37			1 41	5 00	15 00	.....	122 78	79 00
Nebraska.....	416 67			.....	20 00	50 00	242 07	728 74	141 20
Newark.....	1,455 74			97 70	236 65	532 56	412 28	2,731 93	766 20
New England.....	2,386 89			20 00	553 00	527 48	667 32	4,094 69	776 92
New England Southern.....	960 32			15 00	292 00	58 00	303 60	1,628 92	4 50

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EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR.

Salaries, Current Expenses, Students' Aid, and Special Funds.

SOUTHERN WORK.

Allen Industrial Home and School, Asheville, N. C.:

Salaries,	\$938 65	
Beneficiary Aid,	119 50	
Special Fund, Building and Furnishing (voucher, \$147),	5,611 14	
		\$6,669 29 ✓
Self-help, Board, Tuition, Rent, etc.,		\$570 76 ✓

Bennett Home and School, Clarkson, Miss.:

Salaries,	\$951 72	
Current Expenses (voucher),	50 00	
Beneficiary Aid (voucher, \$33),	123 41	
Special Fund (voucher, \$50),	55 00	
		\$1,180 13 ✓
Self-help, Board, and Tuition—No Special Report.		

Boylan Home and School, Jacksonville, Fla.:

Salaries,	\$1,612 56	
Current Expenses (voucher, \$45.60),	962 31	
Beneficiary Aid, (voucher, \$182.65),	375 30	
		\$2,950 17 ✓
Self-help, Board, and Tuition, \$1,516.35; Gifts, \$97, ✓		\$1,613 35

Browning Home and School, Camden, S. C.:

Salaries,	\$1,559 89	
Beneficiary (voucher, \$12),	78 89	
Special Fund (voucher, \$23.36),	1,012 96	
		\$2,651 74 ✓
Self-help, Board, and Tuition,		\$1,131 72 ✓

Emerson Home and School, Ocala, Fla.:

Salaries,	\$793 18	
Current Expenses,	125 00	
Beneficiary,	15 25	
		\$933 43 ✓
Self-help, Board, and Tuition, \$496.94; Gifts, \$11.70, ✓		\$508 64

Haven Home and School, Savannah, Ga.:

Salaries,	\$1,647 66	
Current Expenses,	1,112 34	
Beneficiary (voucher, \$19),	291 34	
Special Fund (voucher, \$32.60),	403 85	
		\$3,455 19 ✓
Self-help, Board, and Tuition,		\$1,254 97 ✓

Italian Work, New Orleans, La.:

Salary,	\$362 35	
Current Expenses,	73 00	
	<hr/>	\$435 35 ✓
Self-help, Tuition, and Gifts,		\$45 30 ✓

Kent Home, Greensboro, N. C.:

Salary,	\$376 80	
Beneficiary Aid,	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$416 80
Self-help, Board, \$190; Gifts, \$14.55,		\$204 55

King Home, Marshall, Texas:

Salaries,	\$704 35	
Beneficiary Aid (voucher, \$30),	185 00	
Special Fund (voucher),	8 65	
	<hr/>	\$898 00
Self-help, Board and Tuition, \$937.21; Sewing-room, \$54.30,		\$991 51 ✓

New Jersey Home, Morristown, Tenn.:

Salaries,	\$641 15	
Beneficiary (voucher, \$82.50),	165 50	
	<hr/>	\$806 65
Self-help, Board, \$403.11; Gifts, \$31.40,		\$434 51

Peck Home, New Orleans, La.:

Salaries,	\$808 48	
Current Expenses,	72 45	
Beneficiary (voucher, \$85),	158 40	
Special Fund,	1 74	
	<hr/>	\$1,041 07 ✓

Self-help. No Special Report.

Ritter Home, Athens, Tenn.:

Salaries,	\$595 08	
Beneficiary Aid (voucher, \$138.37),	1,153 34	
Special Fund (voucher, \$2),	9 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,757 42 ✓
Self-help, Board,		\$736 66 ✓

E. L. Rust Home, Holly Springs, Miss.:

Salaries,	\$860 10	
Current Expenses,	175 00	
Beneficiary Aid,	8 50	
Special Fund,	24 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,067 60 ✓
Self-help, Board,		\$839 00 ✓

Simpson Home, Orangeburg, S. C.:

Salaries,	\$692 35	
Current Expenses,	225 00	
Beneficiary,	215 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,132 35 ✓
Self-help, Board of Pupils,		\$6 18 ✓

A. M. Smith Home, Little Rock, Ark.:

Salaries,	\$588 23
Current Expenses,	239 00
Beneficiary (voucher),	60 00

\$887 23 ✓
\$164 00 ✓

Self help, Board,

Mary Haven Home, Isle of Hope, Ga.:

Salaries,	\$330 00
Current Expenses,	216 85
Beneficiary Aid,	20 00
Special Fund,	10 00

\$576 85

Self-help. No Special Report.

Thayer Home, South Atlanta, Ga.:

Salaries,	\$700 00
Beneficiary Aid (voucher, \$54),	312 52
Special Fund,	25 00

\$1,067 52

Self-help, Board and Tuition, \$686; Sewing-room,

\$54.10,

✓ \$740 10

TOTAL

27,926 77

Utah:

Salaries,	\$2,504 31
Beneficiary Aid,	85 80
Special Fund,	52 50

\$2,642 61

TOTAL

Spanish Work—New Mexico:

Spanish Las Cruces—Salaries,	\$620 00
Current Expenses,	20 00

\$640 00 ✓

Spanish Las Vegas—Salaries,	\$540 00
Current Expenses,	140 00

\$680 00 ✓

Spanish Harwood Home, Albuquerque:

Salaries,	\$1,020 00
Current Expenses,	120 00
Beneficiary Aid (voucher, \$70),	440 00
Special Fund (voucher, \$174.44),	486 73

\$2,066 73

3,386 73

TOTAL

Self-help, Board, and Tuition, \$280.26; Gifts, \$42. ✓

\$322 26

Indian Work—Dulce, N. M.:

Salaries,	\$1,040 00
Beneficiary Aid (voucher, \$55),	227 00
Special Fund (voucher, \$30),	516 48

\$1,783 48

Self-help. No Special Report.

Indian Work—(Navajoes) Jewett, N. M.:

Salaries,	\$1,000 00
Current Expenses,	60 00
Special Fund,	76 16

\$1,136 16

San Juan Work
Total Self-help, etc.
\$9,356 60

UTAH

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Indian Work, Frontier—Ponca, Okla.:

Salary,	\$499 00	
Current Expenses,	80 00	
		<u>\$579 00</u> ✓

Indian Work—Pawhuska, Okla.:

Salaries,	\$550 00	
Current Expenses,	103 09	
		<u>\$653 09</u> ✓

Self-help. No Special Report.

Stickney Home, Lyndon, Wash.:

Salaries,	\$607 67	
Current Expenses,	149 07	
Beneficiary Aid (voucher, \$2),	723 44	
		<u>\$1,480 18</u> ✓

Self-help. No Special Report.

Fort Simcoe, Washington:

Salary,	\$358 00	
Current Expenses,	40 00	
		<u>\$398 00</u> ✓

Self-help. No Special Report.

Jesse Lee Home, Unalaska, Alaska:

Salaries,	\$863 00	
Beneficiary Aid,	2,536 67	
Special Fund (Building),	4,103 91	
		<u>\$7,505 58</u> ✓

Self-help. No Special Report.

Immigrant Home, New York:

Salaries and Current Expenses (voucher, \$7.57),	\$1,022 57	
Special Fund (voucher, \$30.50),	854 39	
		<u>\$1,876 96</u> ✓

Self-help, Board, and Lodging, \$635.43; Gifts, \$143, ✓ \$778 43*Immigrant Home, Philadelphia, Pa.:*

Salaries and Current Expenses,	\$746 05	
Special Fund (voucher),	497 84	
		<u>\$1,243 89</u> ✓

Self-help. No Special Report.

Immigrant Home, Boston, Mass.:

Salaries and Current Expenses,	\$1,296 00	
Special Fund (voucher),	192 46	
		<u>\$1,488 46</u> ✓

Self-help, Board, \$206.67; Gifts, \$6.30, ✓ \$212 97 ✓*Watts de Peyster Home, Tivoli, N. Y.:*

Salaries,	\$1,664 00	
Current Expenses,	458 05	
Beneficiary Aid (voucher, \$7.87),	555 67	
Special Fund (voucher),	889 75	
		<u>\$3,567 47</u> ✓

Self-help. Special Donations, ✓ \$739 56TOTAL
\$6,029.9TOTAL
\$7,505 58TOTAL
4,611.31

Lucy Webb Hayes Home and Training-school, Washington, D. C.:

Salaries,	\$1,083 33	
Current Expenses,	1,780 22	
Beneficiary Aid (voucher, \$102.20),	989 74	
Special Fund (voucher, \$801.51),	1,893 61	
		\$5,746 90 ✓
Self-help, Board of Students, \$862.80; other sources, \$1,416.38,		\$2,279 18

Mothers' Jewels Home, York, Neb.:

Salaries,	\$1,200 80	
Current Expenses,	3,112 53	
Beneficiary Aid (voucher, \$245.15),	656 10	
Special Fund,	4,671 17	
		\$9,640 60 ✓
Self-help. Products of farm,		1,000 00 ✓

Glenn Home, Cincinnati, Ohio:

Current Expenses,	\$500 00	
Special Fund (voucher),	1,580 67	
		\$2,080 67 ✓

E. E. Marcy Home, Chicago, Ill.:

Current Expenses (voucher),	\$1,016 17	
Special Fund (voucher),	1,432 98	
		\$2,449 15 ✓

Oriental Work—San Francisco:

Current Expenses (voucher, \$450.79),	\$511 64	
Beneficiary Aid,	375 85	
Special Fund (voucher, \$422.62),	561 97	
		\$1,449 46

Oriental Work—Southern California:

Current Expenses,	\$150 00	
Special Fund (voucher),	812 52	
		\$962 52 ✓

Frontier Work:

General,	3,259 01	
Ukiah Mission, California,	150 00	
		\$3,409 01 ✓

Literature and Printing Accounts:

Woman's Home Missions,	\$152 00	
Children's Home Missions,	69 49	
Leaflet Fund,	352 48	
General Printing Account,	2,763 08	
		\$3,337 05

Notes, Interest, Insurance, and Taxes:

Notes,	\$13,434 50	
Interest,	1,672 21	
Insurance,	907 39	
Taxes,	70 36	
		\$16,084 46

Organizer's Account:

General,	\$377 28	
Conference,	1,131 21	
		\$1,508 49

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

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Offices Expenses:

Cincinnati, Ohio,	\$1,360 47	
Delaware, Ohio,	994 80	
New York,	492 86	
		\$2,848 13

Miscellaneous Account:

Attorney's Fees,	\$565 70	
Bureau Secretaries' Expense,	267 16	
Miscellaneous, as shown by vouchers,	2,078 28	
		\$2,911 14

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TOTAL

Deaconess Work:

Baltimore, Half-dues (voucher),	\$472 44	
" Special Fund (voucher),	3,257 78	
BROOKLYN, Half-dues "	151 70	
" Special Fund "	3,312 16	
BUFFALO, Half-dues "	197 53	
" Special Fund "	1,013 91	
CLEVELAND, Special Fund "	907 52	
DETROIT, " "	1,664 24	
Des Moines (including cash, \$115.28),	350 92	
Grand Rapids, Half-dues (voucher),	86 86	
" Special Fund (voucher),	397 37	
JACKSON, Mich., " "	26 00	
KNOXVILLE, Tenn., " "	653 58	
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Half-dues "	177 92	
" Special Fund "	392 05	
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Half-dues "	426 05	
" Special Fund "	2,769 18	
PITTSBURG, Pa., Half-dues "	117 12	
" Special Fund "	1,242 41	
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Half-dues "	91 73	
" Special Fund "	868 90	
SALT LAKE CITY, Half-dues "	16 35	
SYRACUSE, N. Y., " "	163 57	
" Special Fund "	283 65	
URBANA, Ill., " " (cash, \$19.90),	261 86	
Vermont, Deaconess Work, Special Fund (voucher),	86 39	
WILMINGTON, Del., Special Fund (voucher),	37 02	
Rest Home, Ocean Grove, N. J. (cash \$20),	249 18	
Work in Coke Regions (voucher),	128 09	
Loan Library and Tillman Ave. Mission, Detroit (voucher),	114 92	

DEACONES
TOTAL

\$19,829 40

Total Amount Expended,	\$128,038 88
Balance, Treasury, July 31, 1897,	4,858 27

\$132,897 15

Received during the year:

General Fund,	\$66,823 27
Loans,	20,500 00
Beneficiary Fund,	8,812 57
Special Fund,	36,761 31

\$132,897 15

Expended during the year :

Balance Overdrawn Last Year,	\$114 48
General Fund,	70,926 80
Beneficiary Fund,	9,942 22
Special Fund,	47,055 38
Balance on hand, July 31,	4,858 27
	<hr/>
	\$132,897 15
Amount Expended in Local Work,	\$9,074 39
Amount Board and Tuition Received and Expended in Homes,	35,495 00

Assets :

Estimated Value of Buildings and Grounds,	\$136,100 00
Invested Endowment Funds,	4,700 00
Invested Annuity Funds,	425 00
Cash Balance,	4,858 27
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Total,	\$146,083 27

Liabilities :

Loans,	\$29,053 32
Endowment Funds,	1,500 00
Annuity Funds,	1,000 00
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Total,	\$31,553 32

List of Bequests Received during the Year 1896 and 1897 :

From the Estate of Martha Johnson, Bucyrus, O.,	\$358 00
" " " " Maria P. Webster, Leominster, Mass.,	500 00
" " " " ———, Brimfield, O.,	50 00
" " " " Susan J. Spencer, St. Johnsbury, Vt.,	50 00
" " " " Jane Cartlich, Somerset, O.,	485 00
" " " " Hannah Haven, Malden, Mass.,	463 50
" " " " Frederick A. Ely, W. Windsor, Vt.,	500 00
" " " " Mrs. ——— Gallup, Coldwater, Mich.,	574 14
" " " " Mrs. Dr. Torsey, Kent's Hill, Maine,	100 00
" " " " Julia Devan, ———, Maine,	14 84
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	\$3,095 48

Annuity and Endowment Funds.

The Annuity Funds of the Woman's Home Missionary Society are donations from elderly people who stipulate that they shall receive, during their lifetime, an annual interest on the amount given. The funds so held by the Society are as follows:

From a friend,	\$1,000 00
" Mrs. Thirsa Baker, Jamestown, O.,	425 00
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Total,	\$1,425 00

Endowment Funds are gifts to the Society upon which the Society agrees to pay in perpetuity an annual interest for the support of some object named by the donor. These funds are as follows:

To the Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school, . . .	\$333 00
" Ritter Home—Scholarships,	1,700 00
" Thayer Home,	667 00
" Wilmington Conference,	500 00
" Baltimore Deaconess Home,	2,200 00
Total,	\$3,400 00

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

To the President and Board of Managers:

Your Auditing Committee beg leave to report that we have made the usual examination of the books, accounts, and vouchers for the year ending July 31, 1897.

The cash receipts and payments are all accounted for by the Treasurer, the vouchers therefor shown to the Committee and found to be correct.

MRS. GEO. H. THOMPSON,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
MRS. JAMES DALE,	
RICHARD DYMOND,	

BUREAU OF SUPPLIES.

CONFERENCES.		CONFERENCES.	
Baltimore,	\$2,987 01	New York East,	\$1,808 42
Central Illinois,	86 00	North Indiana,	1,630 08
Central New York,	1,789 68	North Nebraska,	1,505 08
Central Ohio,	1,286 96	North Ohio,	1,778 45
Central Pennsylvania,	1,783 95	Northern New York,	2,393 44
Cincinnati,	2,385 97	Northwest Indiana,	251 74
Colorado,	1,959 37	Northwest Iowa,	575 96
Des Moines,	40 00	Ohio,	1,532 21
Detroit,	1,058 48	Oregon,	300 00
East Ohio,	3,363 67	Philadelphia,	2,352 04
Erie,	2,608 41	Pittsburg,	1,912 14
Genesee,	6,103 03	Puget Sound,	90 00
Illinois,	1,195 83	Rock River,	960 76
Indiana,	564 38	St. Louis,	14 25
Iowa,	198 37	South Kansas,	20 00
Kentucky,	77 40	Southwest Kansas,	1,808 42
Maine,	602 64	Troy,	3,765 75
Michigan,	1,080 20	Upper Iowa,	908 81
Minnesota,	864 46	Vermont,	1,016 73
Missouri,	547 18	West Wisconsin,	294 41
Newark,	3,164 78	Wilmington,	667 01
New England,	2,940 32	Wisconsin,	75 45
New England Southern,	902 93	Wyoming,	1,349 41
New Hampshire,	1,021 58	Not classified,	137 88
New Jersey,	1,671 25		
New York,	4,086 75		
		Total,	\$71,519 04
		MRS. JAMES DALE, <i>Secretary</i> .	

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CONSTITUTED DURING THE YEAR.

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CONSTITUTION
OF THE
Woman's Home Missionary Society
OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF 1884.

ARTICLE I.—Name.

THIS organization shall be known as the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE II.—Objects.

The aim of this Society shall be to enlist and organize the efforts of Christian women in behalf of the needy and destitute women and children of all sections of our country, without distinction of race, and to co-operate with the other societies and agencies of the Church in educational and missionary work.

ARTICLE III.—Organization.

SECTION 1. The officers of the Society shall be a President, five Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding and a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and twelve Resident Managers, who, together, shall constitute the General Executive Board, and reside in, or not remote from, the city of Cincinnati.

SEC. 2. The annual meetings of the Board of Managers shall be held in the city of Cincinnati, unless otherwise provided, and shall consist of the General Executive Board, together with the Corresponding Secretary and one delegate from each Conference.

SEC. 3. The work of the annual session shall be:

(1.) To elect the General Executive Board for the ensuing year.

(2.) To take into consideration the demands of the entire work of the Society, designating fields of labor, examining the reports of missionaries already employed, and selecting beneficiaries; to estimate the needs of the mission-fields, determine the amounts to be raised, and to devise means for carrying forward the work of the Society; to appropriate its receipts in accordance with the purposes and methods herein indicated; to arrange with the several Conference Secretaries the work to be undertaken by each Conference, and, until such time as the Conference organizations are complete, to appoint a suitable person to fill the place of Corresponding Secretary of the Conference work in the several Conferences.

(3.) To transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand; provided all its plans and directions shall be in harmony with this Constitution.

SEC. 4. In the event of a vacancy in the General Executive Board occurring *ad interim*, the place shall be filled by the Executive Board.

SEC. 5. The General Executive Board shall meet quarterly, or oftener, at the call of the President and Recording Secretary, and seven shall constitute a quorum to do business.

SEC. 6. The duties of the General Executive Board shall be:

- (1.) To execute all orders of the Board of Managers.
- (2.) To determine all matters referred to them by the Board.
- (3.) To administer all the affairs of the Society between the annual sessions of the Board of Managers.

SEC. 7. The duties of the President, Vice-Presidents, and Recording Secretary shall be such as usually devolve upon such officers.

SEC. 8. The duty of the Corresponding Secretary shall be to make herself acquainted with the needs and opportunities of the mission-field, to correspond with missionaries and with the Conference Secretaries, and to furnish the Conference Boards with all needful information; also to secure from them the details of their work, which will be necessary to make quarterly reports to the Executive Board and annual reports to the Board of Managers concerning the condition and needs of the mission-field, and publish the same for the information of the membership.

SEC. 9. The Treasurer shall keep a regular account of the receipts and disbursements of the Society, report the state of the funds at the Annual Meeting and at each regular meeting of the Executive Board, pay only such bills as it shall direct, each order being signed by the President and Recording Secretary, and she shall make such disposition of the funds in her hands as the Executive Board may approve. At the close of the year the accounts shall be audited by a competent person selected for the purpose.

ARTICLE IV.—Conference Organization.

SECTION 1. A Conference Society shall consist of all the Auxiliary Societies in a given Conference, together with a Conference Executive Board. It shall take the name of the Conference in which it is located.

SEC. 2. The officers of the Conference Society shall be a President, one Vice-President, and one or more Managers from each presiding elder's district, a Corresponding and a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer (the Corresponding Secretary may also be the Treasurer). These officers shall constitute the Executive Board of the Conference Society for the administration of the affairs of the Society, and five shall constitute a quorum. These officers shall be selected at the Annual Meeting, and hold office till others are chosen.

SEC. 3. The duties of the Executive Board shall be:

To co-operate in plans for the permanent establishment of the Society within the Conference bounds; to provide for an Annual Meeting and arrange anniversary exercises; and to transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand, provided its action is in harmony with this Constitution.

SEC. 4. (1.) The duties of the President and Recording Secretary shall be such as usually appertain to their respective offices, and to co-operate with the Corresponding Secretary, Vice-Presidents, Managers, and Treasurer in organizing and conducting the work.

(2.) The duties of the Vice-Presidents and Managers shall be to organize Auxiliaries in their respective districts, and by all proper means to awaken missionary interest and zeal.

(3.) The duties of the Corresponding Secretary shall be to attend the session of the Annual Conference; to endeavor to interest ministers and ladies in the work of the Society; to organize Auxiliary Societies in the various charges in the Conference, and, as soon as practicable, to effect a Conference organization in harmony with the Constitution; to conduct the correspondence of the Society with the General Executive Board, with Auxiliary Societies within the Conference, with such missionaries in the field and beneficiaries in the schools as are supported by the Conference; to forward quarterly to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Exec-

utive Board a full statement of the work of the Conference Society, and to present an annual report to the Board of Managers at the Annual Meeting.

(4.) The duty of the Treasurer, who may also be Corresponding Secretary, shall be to receive and forward all funds of the Society monthly, keeping a book account, and to make a quarterly report of the same to the Treasurer of the General Executive Board.

SEC. 5.—**Special Work.**—Individuals, Auxiliaries, or Conference Societies may, subject to the approval of the Conference Board and of the General Executive Board, select special fields of labor, and provide for the support of missionaries therein employed, and they may also educate beneficiaries selected by themselves.

ARTICLE V.—Auxiliary Societies.

SECTION 1. Ten or more women who shall organize under the Constitution and By-laws for Auxiliaries, and pay their annual dues, thereby become a Society auxiliary to the Conference Society, and are entitled to one delegate to the Annual Meeting of the Conference Board. And the pastor shall report the collections of this Society at the Annual Conference.

SEC. 2. Auxiliary Societies, or local Committees, when there is no Conference Society yet established, shall report to the Conference Secretary appointed by the General Executive Board. When there is no Secretary in the Conference within the territorial bounds of which they are, they shall report to the Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary of the General Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI.—Membership.

The payment of one dollar annually shall constitute membership, and twenty dollars life membership. Any person paying one hundred dollars shall become an Honorary Manager for life, and the contribution of three hundred dollars shall constitute the donor an Honorary Patron for life.

ARTICLE VII.—Relations to Other Branches of Church Work.

SECTION 1. This Society will engage exclusively in missionary labor in our own land, and it will work in harmony with the connectional societies of the Church.

a. The appointment, employment, and remuneration of its missionaries shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

b. The fields of labor and the general plans and designs of work of this Society shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

c. All the missionaries supported by the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall labor under the direction of the authorities of the Missionary Society, and if in a mission, shall be subject to the same rules and regulations that govern the other missionaries in that particular mission.

SEC. 2. The funds of the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall not be raised by collections, nor by subscriptions taken during any regular Church service, nor in Sunday-schools, but shall be raised by securing members, life members, honorary members, managers, and patrons, by collections taken in audiences convened in the interests of the Society, and by other methods (such as fairs, festivals, lectures, etc.) which will not interfere with the collections and contributions for the treasury of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and the amounts so collected shall be reported to the Annual Conference through the preachers in charge, in order that they may be entered among the benevolent collections and published in the Annual and General Minutes.

SEC. 3. The Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church may act as the Trustee of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in all matters of legacies, and in holding for it real estate or other trusts, as the Woman's Home Missionary Society may desire.

SEC. 4. The Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, which determines its work for the year, shall be so arranged that its plans may be submitted to the authorities of the Missionary Society for approval, at their Annual Meeting in November.

ARTICLE VIII.

This Constitution may be changed by the General Conference. Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed at any Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers by a two-thirds vote of the members present, a three-months' notice of the proposed change having been sent to each Conference organization, and published in the Church papers.

BY-LAWS OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I

ANNUAL MEETING.

1. THE President and the Corresponding and Recording Secretaries of the Society shall fix the time and place of the Annual Meeting, unless this has been done at a previous Annual Meeting.

2. A committee of five, appointed by the Board of Trustees, shall prepare a program of exercises and an order of business for the Annual Meeting, and announce the time and place of the meeting in the Church papers.

3. All Officers of the Society shall be nominated by ballot, and elected by ballot, in open session.

4. The appropriations of the Society shall be made by the General Board of Managers, acting as a Committee of the Whole.

II.

BUREAUS.

1. The mission-fields and departments of work shall be placed in charge of Bureaus, each consisting of a Secretary and such Assistants as are nominated by the Secretary of the Bureau, and elected by the Board of Trustees.

2. Each Bureau shall have the responsibility, in its own field, of executing the plans and applying the funds as ordered by the General Board of Managers, and supervised by the Board of Trustees.

3. The duty of the Secretary of the Bureau shall be to supervise the work, secure conformity to the rules for mission work approved by the General Board of Managers, and report quarterly or oftener to the Board of Trustees.

4. The Bureaus shall be: (1) Georgia; (2) Florida; (3) East Central States; (4) West Central States; (5) Mississippi; (6) West Southern States; (7) Texas; (8) Utah; (9) New Mexico and Arizona (Spanish); (10) New Mexico and Arizona (Indian); (11) Indian and Frontier Work; (12) Alaska; (13) Immigrants; (14) Deaconess; (15) Orientals; (16) Mission Supplies; (17) Young People's Work; (18) Local Missionary Work; (19) Lectures and Home Missionary Reading Circle; (20) Systematic Beneficence.

5. The Bureau for Georgia shall supervise the work of the Society in the State of Georgia, and the Bureau for Florida in the State of Florida.

6. The Bureau for the East Central States shall supervise the work of the Society in West North Carolina and South Carolina.

7. The Bureau for the West Central States shall supervise the work of the Society in East North Carolina and Tennessee.

8. The Bureau for Mississippi shall supervise the work of the Society in that State.

9. The Bureau for the West Southern States shall supervise the work of the Society in Louisiana and Arkansas.

10. The Bureaus for Texas, Utah, New Mexico and Arizona (Spanish), New Mexico and Arizona (Indian), and Alaska shall supervise the work of the Society in these States and Territories respectively.

11. The Bureau for Indian and Frontier Work shall supervise the work of the Society in Frontier States and Territories not included in other Bureaus.

12. The Bureau for Immigrants shall supervise the establishment and care of Homes and Industrial Schools for Immigrant women and girls, in connection with the Atlantic ports of entry.

13. The duty of the Bureau for Deaconess Work shall be the organization and the supervision of such Training-schools and Deaconess Homes as are under the auspices of the Society, and the appointment of Deaconesses to fields of labor.

(1.) This Bureau consists of its Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, its Executive Committee, its Advisory Council, the General Superintendent of Deaconess Work, and two ladies from each locality where the Deaconess Home is established.

(2.) There shall be a General Superintendent of Deaconess Work, who may be the President of the National Training-school. The Superintendent shall be nominated by the Deaconess Bureau and elected by the General Board of Managers, and shall co-operate with the Secretary of the Bureau in the management of the work; shall receive quarterly the reports from the several Homes, keep on file a full statement of the condition and work of these Homes, and endeavor to establish helpful relations between the several Homes and between the Homes and the National Training-school.

(3.) No promise of life support shall be made to those who enter upon the work after the age of forty years, or to those who shall have given less than eight years of efficient, consecutive service as Deaconesses, under the auspices of the W. H. M. S., the eight years of service not to include the two years of training.

(4.) No promise of life support shall be made to those, who, at the close of their effective service, shall be unwilling to enter the Rest Home.

(5.) Any such Deaconess may be admitted to the Rest Home on the payment for her of \$200 by the Home of which she has been a member, or by herself, or by her friends.

(6.) The Executive Committee of such Deaconess Home as receives support from the Woman's Home Missionary Society, on approval of the General Board of Managers, shall become a Standing Committee for its management, and shall report the work of the Home annually through its delegate.

(7.) The Board of Management of each Home associated with the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall secure that a report, as per blank furnished by the Deaconess Bureau, be sent quarterly on dates corresponding to the divisions of the fiscal year of the Society, to the Secretary of the Deaconess Bureau, to the General Superintendent of Deaconess Work, and to the General Corresponding Secretary.

(8.) We recommend that the rules of the several Homes, as to support of deaconesses, term of service, costume, age, or admission and support of disabled workers, shall be as nearly as possible uniform, and that the allowance for incidentals, for clothing, etc., for a licensed deaconess shall be eight dollars a month; all questions pertaining to the general interests of deaconess work being in each Conference finally placed, as by the Discipline, under the control of the Conference Board of Nine.

(9.) Cities and towns where such Deaconess Homes are located as are authorized to send a delegate to the General Board of Management shall have the right to retain half the membership dues of the Auxiliaries located therein, and the receipt of the Conference Treasurer will be received and credited by the General Treasurer for the same.

(10.) Any person receiving aid from the Woman's Home Missionary Society in securing training at the training-schools of the Society shall receive this money as a loan, which obligation shall be satisfied by a term of service in the Society of not less than two years' service for one year's training, nor less than four years' service for two years' training, or return the money to the Society as soon as practicable.

14. The Bureau for Orientals shall supervise the work of the Society among the Oriental peoples on the Pacific Coast.

15. The Bureau for Mission Supplies shall supervise the collection and distribution of clothing, literature, and such other supplies as may be helpful to ministers' families, Sunday-schools, and the Industrial Schools of the Society.

16. It shall be the duty of the Bureau for Young People's Work to awaken and sustain interest in Home Missions among young people; to organize Young Ladies and Juvenile Societies, and to secure the enlistment of Mothers' Jewels.

17. The Bureau for Local Missionary Work shall supervise the mission work in our large cities and towns, as begun or carried forward by our Auxiliaries in harmony with the local Church authorities, pastors, and Official Boards; the support of Industrial Schools, for instruction in religion, morals, temperance, and the elementary industries; and the employment of Bible-readers for general missionary work among the neglected women and children.

18. Local missionary work, for which credit for money expended is given, shall be entered upon only with the approval of the Board of Trustees through the Secretary of the Bureau for Local Missionary Work.

19. The funds used for the support of city mission work shall be raised for that special purpose, and by such methods as shall not diminish the amount that would otherwise be contributed to the general treasury.

20. Churches and individuals furnishing supplies to meet the needs of organized Local Missionary Work may be credited for the same through the authorized channels in the Bureau for Supplies.

21. The Bureau for Home Missionary Reading Circle, shall supervise the preparation of courses of missionary reading, and the organization of Reading Circles. Loan libraries may be provided for the use of ministers and students in frontier districts.

22. The duty of the Bureau for Systematic Beneficence shall be to promote systematic giving by the preparation and circulation of literature, and such other efforts as are adapted to secure this end.

III.

FINANCE.

1. The fiscal year of the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall end the 31st of July.

2. **Auxiliary Societies.**—The Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer

shall send their quarterly reports, as specified in By-laws for Auxiliaries, 4 and 5, September 15th, December 15th, March 15th, and June 15th.

3. **Conference Societies.**—The Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer shall send their quarterly reports as prescribed in the Constitution, Article IV, Sections 3 and 4, October 15th, January 15th, April 15th, and July 15th.

4. **General Executive Board.**—The Corresponding Secretary shall furnish the reports specified in the Constitution, Article III, Section 8, as soon as possible after the 15th of October, January, April, and July.

5. The funds of the Society, unless otherwise ordered, must be sent by the Auxiliaries to the Conference Treasurer, and thence forwarded to the General Treasurer, and whenever held by either of these officers, shall be deposited in a banking institution in the name of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Money to be expended for missionary supplies for frontier or Southern work must in all cases be raised as a special fund for this work.

6. Moneys shall not be collected by the employees of the Society for any special purpose, unless such collection is authorized by the Board of Trustees, and the purpose approved; and moneys so collected shall be paid into the General Treasury, and be regularly appropriated therefrom.

7. All missionaries, superintendents of Industrial Schools, and teachers in the employ of the Society shall present to the Board of Trustees, through the Secretaries of their respective Bureaus (not later than September 10th of each year), carefully-prepared estimates for their work for the coming year.

8. Each Conference Corresponding Secretary is requested to come to the meeting of the General Board of Managers prepared to say what special work her Conference will support for the coming year.

9. No officer of the Society, no Auxiliary or Conference Society, shall contract for the purchase of property, or undertake any special work (other than local work within its own territory) without the approval of the Board of Trustees of this Society, expressed in writing and duly certified by the signatures of the Chairman and the Recording Secretary of said Board.

10. The erection of buildings shall not be begun nor contracted for until the money that will be required for the completion thereof shall have been paid into the general treasury of this Society, or fully provided for, nor until the erection of the said building or buildings, and all the plans and contracts relating to the same shall have been approved by the Board of Trustees of this Society in the manner specified in the foregoing paragraph.

IV.

BUILDINGS AND CARE OF HOMES AND SCHOOLS.

1. The erection of all buildings for Home and school work shall be under the care of the Bureau having charge of the work, which shall determine the site, select the plan, let the contract, supervise the erection, and accept the work, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.

2. The furnishing of Industrial Homes and schools shall be plain, simple, and economical, and as carefully adapted to circumstances as possible. The purchases shall be made under the direction of the Bureau in charge, and the property shall belong to the Society. At the end of each year an inventory of property, and a statement of its condition, shall be furnished to the Board by the Superintendent of the Home.

3. Each Industrial Home shall be under the care of a Superintendent, who, together with the teachers and assistants, shall be employed by the Board of Trustees and paid by order of the Society.

4. All the employees of the Board shall make, directly, or through their superintendents, as they shall be instructed, monthly reports of their work

asper blank provided, sending one copy to the General Corresponding Secretary and another to the Secretary of the Bureau in charge of the field.

5. Since the conversion and spiritual growth of those for whom we labor is the object of all effort, our instructors are required to work diligently and methodically to that end, through family worship, school instruction, personal appeal, and social means of grace, endeavoring at all times to develop sound and strong character.

6. It shall be the aim in our Industrial Schools to provide: (1.) Such social and moral training as shall tend to make good neighbors and good citizens; (2.) When necessary, the rudiments of education—reading, writing, and keeping simple accounts; (3.) Such domestic instruction as shall fit girls to care for a house, and prepare plain meals properly and economically; (4.) Instruction in dressmaking and cutting, making and mending the plain garments of ordinary wearing apparel; (5.) Tuition in nursing—the care of the sick; (6.) Kindergarten and kitchengarden training; (7.) Instruction in the cultivation of vegetables, fruits, and flowers.

7. It shall be our aim to provide a library for each Industrial Home and school, to which pupils may have daily access.

V.

MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

1. There shall be a Committee on Leaflets, appointed by the Board of Trustees, to furnish information relating to the various Bureaus and mission fields, and literature in leaflet form, that will help Auxiliaries sustain their interest in our work, and upon application send such information out for use in Conference, District, and Auxiliary meetings, as will aid in the dissemination of Home Missionary intelligence.

2. The Recording Secretary shall give to the public, through the Church papers, a condensed report of such proceedings of each meeting of the Board of Trustees, as will be of interest to the society or to the general public.

VI.

MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

I. Persons who offer themselves for employment by the Society must give satisfactory answers to the following questions:

(1.) Do you feel that you are moved by the love of souls and the providence of God to take upon you the work of a Home Missionary?

(2.) Have you an experimental knowledge of salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ our Lord?

(3.) Do you believe in the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church as set forth in Part I, Chapter I, of the Discipline?

(4.) When and where were you born?

(5.) What are your domestic relations and obligations?

(6.) Have you a thorough English education?

(7.) In what schools have you taught, and how long?

(8.) Have you knowledge of music, either vocal or instrumental?

(9.) Can you cut and fit dresses and teach sewing and millinery?

(10.) Are you able to give instruction in housekeeping, including cooking?

(11.) Have you had experience in the care of the sick?

II. The candidates must furnish satisfactory testimonials to the following facts: (1.) Membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church; (2.) Christian zeal for the salvation of souls; (3.) Good health; (4.) Educational fitness;

(5.) Ability to give instruction in the common domestic industries; (6.) Aptness to teach.

(2.) Each candidate is requested to write a letter giving a brief sketch of her life and her call to the work, which, with her photograph, is to be sent with her testimonials.

(3.) The testimonials of a missionary candidate shall be considered and passed by her Conference Board before they are brought to the Committee on Missionary Candidates.

(4.) When a candidate has been approved by the Board of Trustees, she may be appointed on nomination of a Bureau to a mission-field.

(5.) The Board of Trustees at its quarterly-meeting in May shall make a special examination of the work of the missionaries during the past year, and appoint them for the coming year.

(6.) A missionary shall receive her traveling expenses from her home to her field of labor; also her return expenses when she is recalled by the Board of Trustees, and her salary from the time of arrival in her field. This salary shall not exceed \$40 per month.

VII.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

1. Young persons over sixteen years of age may be organized into Mission Circles under the general rules governing Ladies' Auxiliaries, with a membership fee of not less than fifty cents per annum. They may be under the direction of an older person, and they are recommended to choose a special name.

2. Young persons under sixteen may be organized into Juvenile Bands under the Constitution already provided.

3. Children under ten years of age may be enrolled as Mothers' Jewels on the payment of ten cents annually.

VIII.

AMENDMENTS.

These By-laws may be amended or suspended at any Annual Meeting of the General Board of Managers; due notice of changes having been given during the first three days of such meeting.

BY-LAWS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

[NOTE.—Under the laws of incorporation of the State of Ohio, a majority of the members of the body incorporated constitutes a quorum. Therefore eleven is the legal quorum of the Board of Trustees of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.]

1. The meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held quarterly, or oftener, at the call of the President and Recording Secretary, due notice being given.

2. The Recording Secretary shall notify each member of the time and place of all meetings, regular and special.

3. The Board of Trustees shall organize by the election of a Chairman and the requisite Standing Committees at its first meeting next succeeding the Annual Meeting of the General Board of Managers.

4. At the quarterly-meetings written reports shall be presented by the Corresponding Secretary, the Treasurer, the Secretaries of the Bureaus, and the Chairmen of the Standing Committees.

5. The Board of Trustees shall appoint a Business Committee of seven, to consist of the President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and three other members of the Board, with power to transact business for the Board in the intervals of the meetings of the Board of Trustees. This committee shall report all its action at the regular meeting next succeeding such action.

6. Corresponding Secretaries of Conference Societies, in attendance upon any meeting of the Board of Trustees, shall be entitled to a seat and the privilege of discussion.

7. The Order of Business and Rules of Debate shall be as follows: (1.) Singing, reading of Scriptures, prayer; (2.) Reading of minutes of last meeting; (3.) Reports of the Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Secretaries of the Bureaus, Standing Committees; (4.) Reports of Special Committees; (5.) Unfinished business; (6.) Resolutions for discussion shall be presented in writing; (7.) Ladies speaking shall rise and address the Chair.

8. There shall be the following Standing Committees: (1.) Business; (2.) Scholarships; (3.) Missionary Candidates; (4.) Annual Meeting; (5.) Publication; (6.) Leaflets; (7.) "Woman's Home Missions;" (8.) Transportation; (9.) Mite-boxes; (10.) Bequest and Devise; (11.) Insurance; (12.) Thank-offering; (13.) Day of Humiliation and Prayer.

9. These By-laws may be amended by a majority vote at any regular meeting or the Board of Trustees, notice of the desired change having been given at the preceding meeting. They may be suspended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

BY-LAWS FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1. THE President and Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society shall call meetings of the Executive Board when the exigencies of the work demand it, and shall also determine the date and place of the Annual Meeting, and arrange for anniversary exercises, unless these items have been provided for by previous action at the Annual Meeting.

2. The program for the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society shall include reports from the Recording and the Corresponding Secretary, the Treasurer, and the District Secretaries; the election of officers, of Standing Committees, and of a delegate and alternate to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers.

3. Order of Business: (1.) Devotional exercises; (2.) Introduction of delegates; (3.) Appointment of committees; (4.) Reading of minutes of last meeting; (5.) Report of Treasurer; (6.) Report of Corresponding Secretary; (7.) Reports of District Officers; (8.) Reports of committees; (9.) Unfinished and miscellaneous business; (10.) Election of officers.

4. Each District Secretary shall present a list of the full names of her delegation to the Recording Secretary.

5. The Standing Committees shall be appointed as follows: (1.) Annual Meeting; (2.) By-laws; (3.) Woman's Home Missions.

6. The Committee on Anniversary shall consist of the President, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Secretary of the District in which the meeting is to be held.

7. The officers shall be nominated by informal ballot, and elected by ballot. Vacancies occurring in the Conference Board *ad interim* may be filled by the Executive Board of the Conference.

8. Every Auxiliary Society in the Conference shall be entitled to a delegate for each twenty members, provided that no Auxiliary shall be without a delegate; these delegates, with the Executive Board, shall constitute the Annual Meeting.

9. The duty of each District President shall be to have general supervision of the work in her District. She shall confer and co-operate with the Secretary in organizing and visiting the work; preside at the District meetings, and endeavor to secure the favor and aid of the presiding elder and pastors. She shall report her work to the Secretary of the District.

10. The duty of the District Secretary shall be to co-operate with the President in the organization of Auxiliaries; to correspond with and visit them, to arrange for public meetings, to send out blanks and receive reports, and to forward a report by the 1st of October, January, April, and July to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society, and to secure a report from Auxiliary Corresponding Secretaries for Conference and District Annual Meetings. In the absence of a Conference Secretary of Young People's Work, she shall also secure reports from Circles and Bands.

11. There shall be a Supply Secretary, a Mite-box Secretary, a Secretary for Local Work, and a Secretary for Young People's Work, a Secretary for Home Missionary Reading Circle, and such other Secretaries as the exigencies of the work demand, each to report as directed by the Conference Executive Board. Each Conference Society shall also elect a Manager for the Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school at Washington, D. C.

12. The Executive Board shall meet in ——— on the — of each month, if practicable.

13. No membership dues or moneys obtained for missionary purposes may be used for local needs.

14. Auxiliaries shall have credit in the General Reports only for moneys sent to the General Treasurer.

15. There shall be a contingent fund for local expenses, to which each Auxiliary shall contribute to the amount of at least ten cents a member for each year, one-half to be used in Conference expenses and the other half in those of the District and Auxiliary.

16. As soon as practicable, each District shall be organized into an Association under the Constitution adopted by the Board of Trustees.

17. The District Association or the President and Secretary of each District shall be a Committee to arrange for a presentation of our work at camp-meetings held on the District. In case of their failure to do so, that duty shall devolve upon the Conference Executive Board.

18. Any Conference that has held one or more Annual Meetings, and has its duly elected Conference and District officers, may determine its own methods of organizing Auxiliaries and the amount of remuneration of its organizers, provided that all its plans shall be in harmony with the Constitution.

19. The Conference Societies shall be held responsible for the direction and control of their respective organizers.

20. In all cases where Conference Organizers, whose appointment has been confirmed by the Board of Trustees, are employed, the expense, which consists of traveling expense and one dollar for each day of actual service, must be met by the Conference if possible. An itemized bill must be given to the Conference Treasurer, and when the Conference Contingent Fund is insufficient to pay the whole of this bill, the Conference Treasurer may forward the same, indicating the amount paid thereon, to the General Treasurer, who will pay the balance.

21. The accounts of such Organizers shall be audited each month by an Auditing Committee appointed by the Conference Board for this purpose before sending bills to the General Treasurer.

22. The Conference Treasurer shall close her account with the Auxiliaries the — of —, after which all the moneys received shall be placed in the next year's account.

23. These By-laws may be suspended by a majority vote of the Conference Executive Board at any regular meeting, and amended by a two-thirds vote of an Annual Meeting, the change being in harmony with the Constitution of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

CONSTITUTION FOR DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known as the ——— District Association of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

ART. 2. It shall be the object of this Association to secure an Auxiliary in each charge on the District if possible, and to sustain interest in those already organized.

ART. 3. Every person who is a member of the Woman's Home Missionary Society on the ——— District shall be a member of the Association.

ART. 4. The officers of this Association shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and such Secretaries of departments as are necessary to the promotion of the work. These officers shall be nominated by informal ballot and elected by ballot.

ART. 5. The duties shall be such as usually devolve upon such officers, with the addition to those of the Corresponding Secretary, that she shall secure a report from each Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary on the 15th of September, of December, of March, and of June, and send a report to the Conference Corresponding Secretary by the 1st of October, January, April, and July. The Treasurer shall hold only the Contingent Fund of the District, which she shall disburse upon the order of the President and Corresponding Secretary.

ART. 6. There shall be an Annual Meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may be of interest to the Association.

ART. 7. Amendments to this Constitution can be made under the provisions of No. 23, By-laws for Conference Societies.

CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARIES.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the Woman's Home Missionary Society of ———, Auxiliary to the ——— Conference Society of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to aid in interesting Christian women in the elevation and evangelization of needy and destitute women and children in our own land, and in raising funds for this work.

ART. 3. Any person paying a regular subscription of two cents per week, or one dollar per year, and 10 cents Contingent Fund, may become a member of this Society, and any person contributing five dollars per quarter for one year, or twenty dollars at one time, shall be constituted a life member.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian, and such other Department Secretaries as may be thought advisable, who together shall constitute an Executive Committee to administer the affairs of the Society.

ART. 5. Meetings of the Society for business and communication of intelligence shall be held ——— of each month. The Anniversary Meeting shall be on the ——— day of ———, when the Annual Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be read, and the officers for the ensuing year elected.

ART. 6. This Constitution may be amended only by the Board of Trustees of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

BY-LAWS FOR AUXILIARIES.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society, and to supervise its general interests.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to perform the duty of the President in the absence of that officer, and to aid in devising means for the efficiency of the Society.

3. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the Society, and provide the pastor with notices of meetings.

4. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society, to send reports quarterly of the condition and work of the Auxiliary to the District Secretary when the District Association is organized; otherwise to the Conference Secretary, and in the absence of such an officer to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Society in Cincinnati. It shall also be the duty of the Corresponding Secretaries, when no other person is appointed, to faithfully solicit subscriptions to *Woman's* and *Children's Home Missions*.

5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect the dues of members, hold in trust the funds of the Society, keeping a book account, and to send the same quarterly to the Conference Treasurer, and in the absence of such an officer, to the Treasurer of the General Society.

6. It shall be the duty of the Librarian to provide and care for one or more sets of books in the Home Missionary Reading Circle. Five cents shall be charged for the use of any book returned within a month, five cents a week for all time additional, and the full price shall be paid for all books out over three months. These rentals shall constitute a permanent library fund. The Librarian shall keep a file of *Woman's Home Missions* and Annual Reports for reference, take and forward orders for the same, drawing upon the library fund for necessary postage, and for the purchase of new books. She shall keep a careful record and report regularly to the Auxiliary.

7. ORDER OF EXERCISES FOR MONTHLY MEETING :

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| (1.) Devotional Exercises. | (5.) Report of Corresponding Secretary. |
| (2.) Reading and approval of Minutes | (6.) Unfinished business. |
| (3.) Reports from members of work done. | (7.) Miscellaneous business. |
| (4.) Report of Treasurer, in writing. | (8.) Adjournment. |

8. Once each quarter, if practicable, a public meeting shall be held, in which reports shall be read, addresses given, and every effort made to increase the general missionary intelligence and zeal in the special work of this Society.

9. There shall be a Standing Committee of three to provide literary exercises of a missionary character for the monthly and quarterly meetings.

10. Each lady connected with this Society shall try to induce others to become members, and shall do what she can to add to the general interest, remembering in prayer each day the Society, its workers, schools, orphans, and missionaries.

11. These By-laws may be changed or amended at any regular meeting of the Society, by a two-thirds vote of the members present—notice of such intention having been given at a previous meeting.

CONSTITUTION FOR MISSION CIRCLES.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the Home Mission Circle of ——— Methodist Episcopal Church.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to interest the young people

of the Church in missionary work among the ignorant and degraded in our own country.

ART. 3. Any young person over sixteen years of age, paying one cent a week, or fifty cents a year, may become a member of this Circle, and any person paying two cents a week, or one dollar a year, may become an Honorary member of the Circle.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President, three or more Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, who, together with a Lady Manager chosen by the Circle, shall constitute an Executive Committee to conduct the work of the Society.

ART. 5. Meetings of the Circle shall be held — of each month. The Annual Meeting shall be on — day of —, when Annual reports shall be read and officers elected for the coming year.

ART. 6. This Constitution may be changed only by the Board of Trustees of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

BY-LAWS FOR CIRCLES.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Circle, and in every way seek to promote its interests.

2. The Vice-President shall take the place of the President in her absence, and seek to assist her in every way.

3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a true record of the proceedings of the Circle, and provide the pastor with notices of meetings.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall carry on the correspondence of the Circle, solicit subscriptions to our papers, and send reports once a quarter to the Conference Secretary of the work of the Circle.

5. The Treasurer shall collect membership dues, keep a book account, and send funds once a quarter to the Conference Treasurer.

6. The Circle may choose the work to which its special funds shall be applied, under the advice and direction of the Executive Board of the Conference Society.

7. There shall be two Standing Committees, Literary and Musical; one to furnish a Missionary Program, and the other to provide music for the meetings.

8. Mission Circles may give literary and musical entertainments in public, at which full reports of the work of the Circle may be made, that the sympathy and interest of the Church may be awakened and kept alive.

9. Each member of the Circle shall try to induce others to join, and shall do all in her power to make the meetings contribute to mental and spiritual growth.

10. Suggestive Order of Exercises for Monthly meeting: (1.) Devotional Exercises. (2.) Reading of Minutes. (3.) Report of Treasurer. (4.) Report of Corresponding Secretary. (5.) Discussion of plans of work. (6.) Program. (7.) Adjournment.

11. These By-laws can be changed or amended only at a regular meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of the members present, one month's notice of such intention having been given.

CONSTITUTION FOR JUVENILE SOCIETIES.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called the — Mission Band of — Methodist Episcopal Church.

ART. 2. The object of this Society is to interest the children and youth

of the Church in missionary work in our own land, and to secure their help in carrying it forward.

ART. 3. This Society, by virtue of its voluntary obligations to render material help in various departments of the work, shall be recognized as a lawful adjunct to the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and shall make reports thereto.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a lady Director, whose duty shall be to take charge of and direct the Society; a President, four or more Vice-Presidents, a Recording and a Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, whose duties shall be those usual to such offices.

ART. 5.—SEC. 1. Any child or young person, with consent of parents or guardian, may become a member of this Society by paying yearly twenty-five cents as membership fee.

SEC. 2. This Society may hold entertainments or use any methods for securing funds that are in harmony with Christian usages and the rules of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

SEC. 3. This Society may support a beneficiary, furnish Sunday-school supplies, or assist in any department of missionary work it may desire, provided the work chosen be approved by the Executive Board of the Conference Society, or the Board of Trustees of the General Society.

SEC. 4. This Society may have affiliation with the Woman's Home Missionary Society only by contributing directly to its work in the mission fields, and can only have credit in the reports of the General Society for money paid into the General Treasury.

SEC. 5. The Annual Meeting of this Society for the election of officers shall be held on ———.

SEC. 6. This Constitution can be amended by the Board of Trustees of the General Society. Petitions for change may be made in writing, stating reasons for such request, and bearing the signature of all the officers of the Society.

BY-LAWS FOR JUVENILE SOCIETIES.

1. THE meetings of this Society shall be held on ——— of every ———.

2. A Committee on Music, consisting of three or five members (at least one adult), shall be appointed for one month or more, whose duty it shall be to provide suitable music for the meetings.

3. The Vice-Presidents shall each in turn be responsible for the entertainment of the meeting, by securing speeches, dialogues, quartets, etc., from their bands, and by obtaining the aid of adults as needed. And, together with the Director and the Committee on Music, they shall prepare a program before each meeting for the use of the President.

4. ORDER OF EXERCISE FOR REGULAR MEETING:

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| (1.) Devotional Exercises. | (5.) Report of Bands. |
| (2.) Reading and approval of Minutes. | (6.) Unfinished and miscellaneous business. |
| (3.) Report of Treasurer. | (7.) Program. |
| (4.) Report of Corresponding Secretary. | (8.) Adjournment. |

5. These By-laws may be amended with the consent of the Auxiliary with which the Society is connected.

 FORM OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

BEQUEST—(Personal Estate)—*I give and bequeath to the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio, the sum of..... and the receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.*

DEVISE—(Real Estate)—*I give and devise to the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio, the following lands and premises, that is to say:....., to have and to hold or dispose of the same, with the appurtenances, to the said Society, its successors, and assigns forever.*

NOTE.—Notice should be given promptly to the Corresponding Secretary of the Society of all Bequests and Devises.

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